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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: RACIST HATE CRIMES.

We refer to your email dated 12 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 13 April 2021.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

We seek the following information on racist hate crimes towards the following ethnic groups:

- Chinese
 - East Asian
 - South East Asian
 - Asian
 - "Oriental"
 - Or any that had such appearance (set out above)
- (The "Relevant Groups")

And would like data for the following years, broken down by each month:

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021 (up until the FOI response date or whatever are the most recent statistics).

Request 1: Provide the number of racist hate crimes reported where the victim(s) comprise of the Relevant Groups, broken down by each group where possible.

Request 2: Please if you have such data, could you also provide us with any additional breakdown of where coronavirus was mentioned or where it was the motivator of the racist hate crime.

Please provide the data for my request in an Excel spreadsheet format with suggested row headings by year and month, with column headings:

- Number of incidents**
- Ethnicity/ethnic appearance**
- Was coronavirus mentioned as part of the crime - Y/N?**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

Year	Month	No. of incidents	Ethnicity/ethnic appearance	COVID related
2019	Nov	1	Asian/Asian British-Bangladeshi	N
2020	Jun	1	Victim - White/British Suspect: Asian/Asian British-Other	N

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office