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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DRONE RELATED CALLS.

We refer to your email dated 20 July 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 21 July 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:

For the period 1st January 2021 to 30th June 2021 can you please tell me how many drone/UAV related calls per month have been received and logged by the MOD Police, with a breakdown of the specific nature of each call.

Also, for the same period 1st January 2021 to 30th June 2021 can you tell me how many drone operators were fined for failing to register their drone (CJS Offence Code AN16353), and how many drone pilots were fined for not obtaining the necessary competency acknowledgement from the CAA (CJS Offence Code AN16355).

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.

For the period 1st January 2021 to 30th June 2021 can you please tell me how many drone/UAV related calls per month have been received and logged by the MOD Police, with a breakdown of the specific nature of each call.

| MONTH | REPORT OF AUTHORISED FLIGHT | DRONE RECOVERED OR SEIZED | DRONE REPORTED FLYING CLOSE TO SITE/OPERATIONAL AREA | TOTAL |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------|
| JANUARY | | | 2 | 2 |
| FEBRUARY | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |

| MARCH | 3 | | 1 | 4 |
|-------|---|---|----|----|
| APRIL | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| MAY | 2 | | 12 | 14 |
| JUNE | 2 | | 17 | 19 |

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Nil

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