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Dear

<u>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:</u> ANTISEMITIC CRIME.

We refer to your email dated 23 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 26 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:

Our request is as follows:

Question 1a

If Ministry of Defence Police flags antisemitic crimes separately, please provide us with:

- The total number of antisemitic crimes recorded in each month of 2018, 2019 and 2020:
- The total number of antisemitic violent crimes recorded, in each month of 2018, 2019 and 2020, which fell into the Home Office categories of "homicide", "violence with injury" and "racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury";
- The total number of antisemitic crimes, in each month of 2018,2019 and 2020, that resulted in charges being brought; and
- The total number of antisemitic non-criminal incidents recorded in each month of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Question 1b

If Ministry of Defence Police does not flag antisemitic crimes separately, please search for crimes and non-criminal incidents in your CRIS using the following whole keywords (i.e. not parts of words, but whole words, so that when you search for "Jew", entries containing "jewellery" are not returned). Since use of all the keywords might prevent you from answering this FOI request due to excessive cost, please

only use the keywords (starting at the top) that can be used without incurring excessive cost.

The keywords are:

- Jew/Jews/Jewish/Judaism
- Semite/Semitic/Semitism
- Antisemite/Antisemitic/Antisemitism
- Yid/Yids/Yiddo/Yiddish

When responding to Q1 or Q1a, please use the following table format, with the following headings:

- Month
- Number of antisemitic crimes recorded
- Number of antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence*
- · Number of antisemitic crimes resulting in charges being brought
- Number of antisemitic incidents reported

*For the purpose of this request, antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence are those antisemitic crimes which fell into the Home Office categories of "homicide", "violence with injury" and "racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury".

Question 2

Please provide us with the name, e-mail address and telephone number of Ministry of Defence Police's single point of contact (SPOC) for antisemitic crime, or if Ministry of Defence Police does not have a SPOC specifically for antisemitic crime, then please provide the name, e-mail address and telephone number of the SPOC for hate crime generally.

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.

Question 1 – Nil

Question 2 – the Force Central Control Room phone number is currently 01371 854444 for all general enquiries.

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