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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DATA BREACHES.

We refer to your email dated 3 November 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the same date.

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:

- 1. The number of data breaches committed by the Ministry of Defence Police between 2019 up to the date of this request.**
- 2. The cause of these data breaches, such as emails being sent in error, or devices being lost, as well as any cyber attacks.**
- 3. What types of information was exposed in the breaches?**
- 4. Has the Ministry of Defence Police received any claims in relation to any of these breaches? If so, can you advise how many have been settled, abandoned or the number on-going?**

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.

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5 - emails sent in error

1 - images on social media

1 - storing data incorrectly

In respect of cyber attacks, the Ministry of Defence Police neither confirms or denies that it holds any information relevant to this part of your request by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 31(3) Law Enforcement

Section 31 is a prejudice based qualified exemption and there is a requirement to evidence the prejudice (harm) in disclosure and consider the public interest to ensure neither confirming or denying that information is held is appropriate.

Section 31(3) applies because although FOI is based on a presumption of release of information for reasons of transparency, there is a stronger argument in that confirming or denying any information is held relevant to this part of your request could lead to the compromise of law enforcement. To confirm or deny any information is held in respect of cyber attacks would lead to law enforcement being undermined. Ensuring that the prevention and detection of crime is carried out, including the effective apprehension or prosecution of offenders is a priority for the Ministry of Defence Police.

This should not be taken as conclusive evidence that any information that would meet this part of your request exists or does not exist.

3. What types of information was exposed in the breaches?

4 – personal information

3 - operational

4. Has the Ministry of Defence Police received any claims in relation to any of these breaches? If so, can you advise how many have been settled, abandoned or the number on-going?

No information held

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the

Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office