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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: ICT.**

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. **Would you please provide copies of the following documents, your current:**
  - a. **ICT Strategy**
  - b. **ICT management team structure and work contact details**
  - c. **In-year ICT budget**
  - d. **MTFP, as relates to future ICT investments**
  - e. **Strategic change portfolio of ICT projects and programmes**
  
2. **Has the organization got a contract for Robotic Processing Automation (RPA) [a software technology that makes it easy to build, deploy, and manage software robots that emulate humans' actions interacting with digital systems and software] technology?**

If yes,

- **Which software is being used?**
- **Please name the supplier the contract is with. – (is this direct with the software supplier or via a partner)**
- **Is the software on premise or cloud hosted – please provide details of cloud hosting arrangements**
- **Please supply contract start dates and end dates.**
- **Please confirm which procurement route was used?**
- **Please confirm the annual spend on the robotic processing automation contract.**
- **Who is the key contact within the Force that looks after RPA**

- **Which areas within the business are currently using RPA e.g., Finance, HR, Operations?**

**If no,**

- **Are you planning to look at RPA in the next 12 months**
- **Name of the contact who would lead the RPA opportunity review**

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.

**1. Would you please provide copies of the following documents, your current:**

- b. ICT Strategy**
- c. ICT management team structure and work contact details**
- d. In-year ICT budget**
- e. MTFP, as relates to future ICT investments**
- f. Strategic change portfolio of ICT projects and programmes**

In respect of 1.b. above, I am exempting this information under Section 31 – Law Enforcement. Section 31 is a qualified prejudiced based exemption and there is a requirement for us to evidence harm and to also consider the public interest.

Section 31 applies because although the public are entitled to know how public funds are spent and resources distributed within policing, releasing this information would compromise the effective delivery of operational law enforcement in the Ministry of Defence by enabling those with criminal intent to gather detailed sensitive information in respect of ICT in the Ministry of Defence Police.

In respect of 1.c. this information is exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information). This is in order to protect the personal information of those individuals that work within the Information Systems Department of the Ministry of Defence Police.

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1.e. No information held.

1.f. No information held.

**2. Has the organization got a contract for Robotic Processing Automation (RPA) [a software technology that makes it easy to build, deploy, and manage software robots that emulate humans' actions interacting with digital systems and software] technology?**

The Ministry of Defence Police does not have a contract for Robotic Processing Automation (RPA) and has no plans to look at RPA.

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).

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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**