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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: THEFTS IN or ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

We refer to your email dated 16 August 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 17 August 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:

1) How many incidents have been reported to your force of thefts being carried out in Churches or on church property from July 2020-to as close to present as possible?

a) If possible, please could you clarify how many of the thefts recorded relate to lead being taken from the church roof?

2) How many incidents have been reported to your force of vandalism being carried out on Churches / church property from July 2020 to as close to present as possible?

3) How many incidents have been reported to your force of physical/ violent assaults being carried out in Churches or on church property from July 2020 -to as close to present as possible?

Note: If it is the case that 'church' is not logged as a location, please do include search to contain log of 'religious building/s'.

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.

Q1 and 1a: 2

Q2: 2

Q3: 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