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Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your email dated 21 December 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: Who is the current/newest body armour contract supplier?**
- 2: What trials were conducted regarding the wearing of separate lightweight body armour and molle vests?**
- 3: If conducted, who took part in the trials?**
- 4: Were any trials conducted involving the weight of all carried weapon systems and all operational equipment, primarily C8 with issued sling in various carrying positions, and weight of ammunition (quantities not required)?**
- 5: What were the results of these trials if any were conducted (Positive and negative responses) ?**
- 6: Was a wide range of sizes tested for officers of different stature and body shape. (short/tall/male/female)?**
- 7: do you provide bespoke body armour to officers who do not fit into the sizes provided as standard?**
- 8: what is the process for officers who have complaints regarding body armour and its replacement?**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold some information in scope of your request.

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**2: What trials were conducted regarding the wearing of separate lightweight body armour and molle vests?**

No information held. No formal trial took place.

**3: If conducted, who took part in the trials?**

No information held.

**4: Were any trials conducted involving the weight of all carried weapon systems and all operational equipment, primarily C8 with issued sling in various carrying positions, and weight of ammunition (quantities not required)?**

No information held.

**5: What were the results of these trials if any were conducted (Positive and negative responses) ?**

No information held.

**6: Was a wide range of sizes tested for officers of different stature and body shape. (short/tall/male/female)?**

Yes

**7: Do you provide bespoke body armour to officers who do not fit into the sizes provided as standard?**

Yes

**8: What is the process for officers who have complaints regarding body armour and its replacement?**

Officer's will either be remeasured internally by the force or the officer attends the Body Armour manufacturer who will measure the officer and the recommended solution will be ordered.

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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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**