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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: GENDER BREAKDOWN OF FIREARMS OFFICERS

We refer to your email dated 26 May 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 26 May 2022.

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:

Please can you let me know the gender breakdown of your firearms officers for my dissertation project. I appreciate specific numbers may be sensitive so I would be happy with this being in percentage form e.g. 40% are female and 60% are male.

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.

Currently, 9.3% of our firearms officers are female and 90.7% are male.

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