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Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2023/01282
RFI: 035/23
Date: 24th February 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SWAN, GOOSE AND DUCK ABUSE CRIMES

We refer to your email dated 30th January 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 31st January 2023.

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) In the calendar years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021 and e) 2022, please tell me how many times your police force recorded the crime categorised by the Home Office counting rules as [97/01 "causing, permitting or failing to prevent unnecessary suffering of protected animal"](#) where the protected animal in question was a) a swan, b) a goose or c) a duck. Please provide a breakdown of the total by year and by type of bird.
- 2) For the 15 most recently recorded crimes captured by question 1's search, please provide me with a verbatim copy of the "investigation summary field" and/or the modus operandi (MO). In addition, please state where each of the 15 crimes occurred. I understand some information may need to be redacted to prevent personal or otherwise sensitive details being divulged.

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

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- a) 2018 - 0
- b) 2019 - 0
- c) 2020 - 0
- d) 2021 - 0
- e) 2022 - 0

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office

