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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: LIST OF EQUIPMENT USED AS OF 2023

We refer to your email dated 06 February 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 07 February 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:

A list of the equipment used by the MOD Police, including firearms, as of 2023.

A list of the land based and maritime vehicles used by the MOD Police as of 2023.

If possible, a list of any equipment, firearms, vehicles that are planning to be added/introduced to the MOD Police in the next few years.

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request. However, we need to advise you that some of the information is being withheld.

We have completed a public interest test and concluded that the balance favors engaging the following exemptions:

Section 24(1) – National Security

Section 31(1) – Law Enforcement

Section 38(1)(b) Health and Safety

Sections 24, 31 and 38 are prejudice based qualified exemptions and there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused by releasing all of the information requested.

I have conducted a public interest test and, while the Ministry of Defence Police understands the importance of releasing information that is in the public interest, it has been concluded that the balance strongly favours withholding some of the information.

Section 24(1) is engaged because releasing the information would lead to the compromise of ongoing or future operations to protect the security or critical national infra-structure of the UK and increase the risk of harm to the public.

Section 31(1) Law enforcement applies because releasing the information would undermine law enforcement and operational capability.

Section 38(1)(b) Health and Safety applies because releasing the information would endanger the safety of officers.

A list of the equipment used by the MOD Police, including firearms, as of 2023.

Glock 9mm self-loading pistol
Colt C8 5.56mm Carbine
AXON TASER X2 Conducted Energy Device
Heckler & Koch 37mm AEP launcher
Expandable Friction lock baton
PAVA incapacitant spray
AXON Body Worn Video
Ballistic body armour with either a Molle cover or a Molle vest.
Ballistic helmet
Baseball Cap
Beat Helmet (Male)
Bowler (Female)
Peaked Cap (Male)
Woollen Hat (Beanie)

I am unable to release any further information in line with the exemptions listed.

A list of the land based and maritime vehicles used by the MOD Police as of 2023.

The attached Annex A, contains a list of marked vehicles currently owned or leased by the Ministry of Defence Police. Exemptions are applied to the location and use of vehicles and to any vehicles which are unmarked.

The MOD Police operate a number of Police Launches and Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boats. Exemptions are applied to the exact numbers and location of these craft.

If possible, a list of any equipment, firearms, vehicles that are planning to be added/introduced to the MOD Police in the next few years.

Exemptions have been applied to this part of your request.

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).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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

