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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: BIG CAT SIGHTINGS,

We refer to your email dated 21st May 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 22nd May 2023 by The Ministry of Defence Police.

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:

Hello, I am part of a team of serious researchers who are looking into big cat sightings. I live close to Coulport and would be interested in any reported sightings or evidence of big cats and Scottish wildcats in this area, Rosneath peninsula or Helensburgh.

I am aware that you had a wildlife liaison and crimes officer at Coulport a few years ago and a pest control officer at Clyde and Faslane, but I have been unable to find out if such a position still exists or contact them.

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

The Ministry of Defence Police have no reported sightings or evidence of big cats in the area of Coulport, Rosneath Peninsula or Helensburgh.

I can confirm that there is not a Wildlife Liaison & Crimes officer currently in this area.

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