



Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FREEMASONS

We refer to your email dated 30th August 2023 to the Ministry of Defence, which we acknowledged on the 30th August 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) Are your police officers required to declare that they are members of any secret societies, including the Freemasons?**
- 2) Do you keep a register of the police officers who have declared that they are Freemasons?**
- 3) If so, according to the register, how many serving officers have declared that they are Freemasons?**
- 4) Is declaring membership of the Freemasons enforced in your police force, or voluntary?**

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

- 1) Are your police officers required to declare that they are members of any secret societies, including the Freemasons? - No**

We have no information held regarding:

- 2) Do you keep a register of the police officers who have declared that they are Freemasons?**

3) If so, according to the register, how many serving officers have declared that they are Freemasons?

4) Is declaring membership of the Freemasons enforced in your police force, or voluntary?

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office