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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DOG LEGISLATION OFFICERS (DLO) DATA**

We refer to your email dated 03 November 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which we acknowledged on the 06 November 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) Please provide the number of how many registered Dog Legislation Officers (DLO) are employed by the force.
- b) Please provide information on how many examinations of dogs have been performed by the DLOs under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 for every calendar month since January 2021.
- c) How many of the examinations done by DLOs to determine if a dog was a banned breed (the answer to question B) resulted in a decision that the animal was of a banned type?
- d) How many dogs have been seized and destroyed by the force under the Dangerous Dogs Act for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and until November 1 2023? Please provide a number for the amount of seizures, and a separate figure for the number of destructions.
- e) How many of the dogs destroyed in answer to question D were classified as being of banned types? (Pitbull, Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro)

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

**a) Please provide the number of how many registered Dog Legislation Officers (DLO) are employed by the force.**

There are no DLOs in the MDP.

**b) Please provide information on how many examinations of dogs have been performed by the DLOs under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 for every calendar month since January 2021.**

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**e) How many of the dogs destroyed in answer to question D were classified as being of banned types? (Pitbull, Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro)**

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**