



Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:

We refer to your email dated 21 November 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) which was acknowledged on the 21 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:

- 1. How often over the past 6 years has the Ministry of Defence Police been inspected by His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMI), please provide the date and locations of inspections carried out and the purpose of each inspection.**
- 2. Please could you provide a copy of the Inspection reports provided to the Ministry of Defence Police by His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary as a result of inspections over the past 6 years.**
- 3. How many times have Ministry of Defence Police provided Police officers on mutual aid to Home Office police forces in the last 5 years? please provide details of the date and cost of each deployment.**
- 4. Does the Ministry of Defence Police have a mechanism to recoup the cost of providing Police officers on mutual aid to Home Office Police forces? how much money has been recouped for each deployment over the past 5 years.**
- 5. Does Ministry of Defence Police charge individual site owners or licensed operators for the provision of Ministry of Defence Police Police Officers? and if so please could you provide a copy of the policy or charging mechanism used to recover costs from site owners or operators such as the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, AWE and other sites such as Plymouth Dockyard and sites occupied by visiting forces.**

6. Does the MDP have any guidance that it provides to MDP Police Officers on jurisdiction and policing of sites operated in conjunction with visiting forces such as the United States Air Force, please could you provide a copy of the guidance and any supporting information.

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

1. How often over the past 6 years has the Ministry of Defence Police been inspected by His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMI), please provide the date and locations of inspections carried out and the purpose of each inspection.

This information is exempt under Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) of the FOIA 2000 as this information is already accessible at the following link.

<https://hmicfrs.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/our-work/article/ministry-of-defence/#Ministry%20of%20Defence%20Police>

2. Please could you provide a copy of the Inspection reports provided to the Ministry of Defence Police by His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary as a result of inspections over the past 6 years.

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There is a message at the about link explaining why reports are not available.

3. How many times have Ministry of Defence Police provided Police officers on mutual aid to Home Office police forces in the last 5 years? please provide details of the date and cost of each deployment.

9 times in total, dates and amounts as follows:

Dates	Amount
31/05/21 - 30/06/20	£166,962
15/09/21 - 21/11/21	£305,462
01/04/22 - 31/07/22	£5,889
20/05/22 - 14/08/22	£66,020
09/09/22 - 22/09/22	£44,199
14/09/22 - 22/09/22	£1,650
02/04/23 - 22/04/23	£14,891
22/04/23 - 08/05/23	£25,440
05/05/23 - 08/05/23	£5,751

4. Does the Ministry of Defence Police have a mechanism to recoup the cost of providing Police officers on mutual aid to Home Office Police forces? how much money has been recouped for each deployment over the past 5 years.

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MDP is recompensed for the actual costs involved in Mutual Aid deployments, including the payment to officers and staff, as outlined by the rates set by the National Police Chief's Council, as follows:

Grade 0 Mutual aid – Bank Holiday

Charged basic salary hours worked x 2.0 for PC, Sgt & Police Staff, and x 1.25 for Insp and above.

Grade 1 Mutual aid

Charged basic salary hours worked x 1.5 for PC, Sgt & Police Staff, and x 1.25 for Insp and above.

Grade 2 Mutual aid

Charged basic salary hours worked x 1.33 for PC & Sgt, x 1.5 for Police Staff and x 1.25 for Insp and above.

Costs are collated and sent to the receiving force who then provide a Purchase Order to invoice against.

6. Does the MDP have any guidance that it provides to MDP Police Officers on jurisdiction and policing of sites operated in conjunction with visiting forces such as the United States Air Force, please could you provide a copy of the guidance and any supporting information.

The MDP exercise policing powers in accordance with the MDP Act 1987. There is no separate guidance relating to the jurisdiction and policing of sites operated in conjunction with visiting forces.

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).

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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