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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: REPORTS OF METAVERSE CRIMES

We refer to your email dated 12 January 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 12 January 2024.

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:

I would like to request under Freedom of Information the following information

1. How many crimes on the metaverse have been reported to your force since 2021? By Metaverse, I mean a virtual-reality space in which users can interact within a computer-generated environment such as Meta's game Horizon Worlds. If possible please can you detail the nature of the offence alleged, time of the reporting and decision in the case whether to investigate or not.

A search for information has now been completed I can confirm that MDP does hold information in scope of your request.

Reports of metaverse crimes since 2021 = 0

If you are not satisfied with 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.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office