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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: COVID LOCKDOWN ENFORCEMENT

We refer to your email dated 02 April 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 02 April 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:

Since 1st March 2020 did you have any officers or other members of staff dedicated or responsible for enforcing covid lockdown restrictions? Please provide an FTE figure for any members of staff with these responsibilities.

Please provide an estimate of total costs incurred enforcing covid lockdown restrictions.

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

We had no officers or members of staff dedicated to enforcing covid lockdown restrictions.

Powers to enforce lockdown restrictions were extended to the MDP, as they were for all police forces, which means that all our officers were responsible. However, given our remit to provide specialist armed policing services to the Ministry of Defence, our interactions with the public in relation to the enforcement of COVID restrictions was minimal. We therefore have no information in relation to costs incurred.

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-

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office