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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: COST OF OP DECRIED TO MOD POLICE.**

We refer to your email dated 12 August 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 14 August 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:

**Under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Fol) act, please provide me with the total costs and costs incurred of and during Operation DECRIED, carried out by the MoD Police.**

**In addition to this, please provide me with the cost to the MoD Police of the subsequent Police Property Act hearings relating to the property seized from several defendants plus others, that followed Operation DECRIED**

A search for information has now been completed and the MDP does hold information in scope of your request. We have considered whether any information in scope should be withheld, in accordance with Section 31(1) of the FOIA. This is a prejudice based qualified exemption and there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in releasing the information by carrying out a public interest test. On balance, the public interest test favours releasing the information you have requested.

**Under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Fol) act, please provide me with the total costs and costs incurred of and during Operation DECRIED, carried out by the MoD Police.**

Total costs - no information held.

MDP Crime Command do not 'cost' their investigations.

Costs incurred solely for Op DECRIED - £2,156.86.

There are other costs claimed, which relate to more than one Op, including Op DECRIED. We are unable to extract the costs for Op DECRIED from this figure.

**In addition to this, please provide me with the cost to the MoD Police of the subsequent Police Property Act hearings relating to the property seized from several defendants plus others, that followed Operation DECRIED**

No information held. We are unable to extract any costs specific to the Police Property Act hearings.

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.

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**