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Dear

Thank you for your email of 09 October 2024 which contained your request for information. The Government Legal Department (“GLD”) have processed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”).

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know the following information:

Please detail the number of email attacks blocked by your organisation, broken down by spam, phishing, malware and edge block, each year for the past three years from November to October.

E.g.

November 2023- October 2024

- *250,000 total email attacks blocked*
 - o *100,000 spam emails blocked*
 - o *75,000 phishing emails blocked*
 - o *50,000 malware emails blocked*
 - o *25,000 edge block emails blocked*

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, GLD informs you that it partially holds¹ the information you have requested.

Please find below the requested metrics. Please note that our logs only go back 12months for the majority of the metrics you requested, and only 30 days for Edge blocked emails.

¹ Some information is held, but not all

Metrics for November 2023 - October 2024:

- o 5,364,074 total email attacks blocked (excluding the edge block emails)
- o 5,346,111 spam emails blocked
- o 16,783 phishing emails blocked
- o 1,174 malware emails blocked
- o 6 edge block emails blocked (this is in Microsoft 365 over the last month, which is as far back as we can go)

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original correspondence. Please use the contact details provided at the top of this letter in order to request an internal review relating to your original request.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

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