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Dear Mr Coulter,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DRIVER TRAINING DATA.

We refer to your email dated 27 March 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 30 March 2021.

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:

Please provide the number of police officers currently trained to the response/standard of emergency driving. Additionally, please specify the number of officers within their probationary period that are trained to response/standard level and whether this level of driving training is available to officers within their probationary period.

If possible, please include a copy of the driving policy.

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

However, we have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the current cost limit. The Ministry of Defence Police does not hold the information in respect of officers in their probationary period centrally. We would need to contact every station across the Ministry of Defence Police footprint to locate the information in scope of your request. We estimate that this would take in excess of 40 hours to complete.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person

spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) we can offer the total number of officers that are Standard and Advanced Response drivers.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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).

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