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RFI:143/19

Date: 30 April 2019

Dear Mr Smith,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIREARMS OFFICERS.

We refer to your email dated 10 April 2019 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 11 April 2019.

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 could you list the personal protective equipment (including eye and ear protection) and first aid equipment which are issued personally to your firearms officers.

If the equipment varies from location/specialisation, please specify so alongside said equipment.”

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 need to advise you that we are withholding the information.

We have completed a public interest test and concluded that the balance favours engaging a full exemption, under Section 31 Law enforcement.

Although there is a presumption in favour of release under Freedom of Information, Section 31(1) Law enforcement applies because providing details of personal protective equipment issued to officers, in addition to their location and specialisation, could have a significant impact on Law enforcement at that location, by revealing force capability which would be of interest to those with criminal intent.

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