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Dear Mr Townsend,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: NEW PRIVATE SECTOR CLIENTS.**

We refer to your email dated 5 January 2020 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 6 January 2020.

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:

**“Historically the MDP have undertaken work at strategically important sites which have been operated by private companies. For example the Royal Mint and Qinetiq. More recently new sites have been added to the MDPs policing arrangements. Under the FOI Act 2000 can I request:-**

**A. The number and name of sites MDP police that are solely operated by private companies.**

**B. Whether the initial guarding request came from the “Customer” or was imposed on the force by MOD as a mandatory requirement.”**

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

**A. The number and name of sites MDP police that are solely operated by private companies.**

- BAE Systems, Barrow-in-Furness

- Rolls Royce, Raynesway, Derby.

**B. Whether the initial guarding request came from the “Customer” or was imposed on the force by MOD as a mandatory requirement.”**

The decision to deploy the MDP at the above facilities is consistent with the endorsed security approach at other UK Defence Nuclear sites.

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**