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Our ref: FOI-00053351

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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Dear Richard Ryan,

FOI-00053351 Freedom of Information Act request – Questions on 02Aug2025 DJI M30T

Thank you for your information request dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

You requested answers to the following four questions:

1. Please confirm whether the Isle of Sheppey incident of 2 August 2025, involving a Kent Police drone striking an overhead cable and injuring a child, was formally notified to the AAIB or CAA.
2. Provide the date and reference number of any such notification and whether a safety investigation was opened.
3. Supply the guidance or memorandum of understanding that governs incident notification and investigation responsibilities for State-aircraft (police) drones.
4. Provide any statistical summaries or anonymised MOR data (Mandatory Occurrence Reports) concerning police-UAS accidents between 2023 and 2025.

As requested, the AAIB are treating your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

### **AAIB Response to Questions 1 & 2**

The AAIB was notified of the occurrence on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 and began a safety investigation, reference AAIB-31099.

### **AAIB Response to Question 3**

The AAIB safety investigations are conducted under assimilated regulation EU996/2010 and The Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accidents and Incidents) Regulations 2018. Requirements to notify the AAIB of an accident or serious incident are also laid down in the regulations. These regulations can be found on the AAIB website: [AAIB: Regulations and MOUs - GOV.UK](#)

## **AAIB Response to Question 4**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 the AAIB have received 10 notifications involving police operated UAS and began safety investigations into 6 of these.

The AAIB do not hold statistical information on MORs as these are submitted to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). May we kindly suggest that you contact the CAA directly who may be able to provide you with this information.

### **Appeals procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the way we have responded to or handled your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. These should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of this letter and addressed to the FOI Advice Team at FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gov.uk.

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

If you ask for an internal review and are still not content with the outcome, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via their online form:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>

Yours sincerely,  
AAIB FOI Officer