



Ministry
of Defence

J9 FOI Secretariat
Permanent Joint Headquarters
Northwood Headquarters
Sandy Lane
Northwood, Middlesex
HA6 3HP
United Kingdom

E-mail: PJHQ-J9-FOI-Group@mod.uk

Reference: FOI2015/07495

Date: 28 September 2015

Thank you for your email of 31 August 2015 which requested the following information:-

'I wish to request information/ numbers, in regards to the operational use and regular deployment of the Enhanced Combat Body Armour ECBA, by all personnel both civilian and service employed by the MoD.'

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. Please find the information that you have requested below.

Enhanced Combat Body Armour (ECBA) was first introduced into service during the 1980's, and which has been developed over subsequent years. It is one of a number of body armour solutions that is currently in service and it can be utilised as a protection system in its own right or integrated with other protective equipment.

Currently there are approximately 38,000 ECBA sets within the supply chain, with approximately a further 20,000 sets fielded on operations and exercises.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact this office in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

PJHQ J9 FOI Secretariat