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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2016 in which you requested the following information:

In the Puma Airworthiness Review Team (PART) report of March 1996 it is recommended that Puma Air Staff should 'Consider the need for the introduction of wire strike protection devices to Puma'. Can you advise me as to the outcome of that recommendation?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The Helicopter Safety Enhancements Programme has been coordinating provision of Wire Strike Protection Systems (WSPS) across the UK military helicopter fleet. Initial Gate approval was granted in August 2012 and Final Gate approval was granted in March 2013. The Puma Mk2 WSPS entered service in June 2015.

Seven Puma Mk2 helicopters have been fitted with the Wire Strike Protection System. The remainder of the fleet will have the system fitted by the end of summer 2017.

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Yours sincerely,

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