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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 June 2014 requesting the following information:

“(1) I would like to know the number of weapons and ammunition reported missing by British troops from 2001 to the present day in Afghanistan.

(2) For each year, please provide the amount of weapons and ammunition reported missing. Please also provide a breakdown as to the type of weapon and type of ammunition that was reported missing by British troops in Afghanistan.

(3) Please indicate whether any missing weapons and ammunition were recovered.”

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 most of the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found at annex A.

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 me 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

PJHQ J8 Secretariat

Number of UK weapons and ammunition lost and recovered in Afghanistan, reported to the Service Police between 01 Jan 2002 and 30 Jun 2014

YEAR ²	ITEM									
	Pistol		Rifle		Automatic Weapon		Heavy Arms (Mortar etc)		Ammunition (Total)	
	Lost ³	Recovered ⁴	Lost	Recovered	Lost	Recovered	Lost	Recovered	Lost	Recovered
2002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	8
2003	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	48	18
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
2005	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	23	0
2006	3	1	7	7	6	0	0	0	2283	145
2007	13	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	300	0
2008	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	131	1
2009	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	4	0	4	0	63	6	0	0	30	0
2011	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	135	0
2012	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	15	0
2013	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014 (to 30 Jun)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	65	15

¹ Information regarding the type of ammunition lost in Afghanistan since 2012 is not held centrally and therefore cannot be provided.

² The information you have requested for 2001 is not held centrally and therefore cannot be provided.

³ Lost refers only to losses which have been reported to the Service Police. This does not include items written off e.g. Battlefield damage.

⁴ Recovered items do not necessarily correspond with items lost in the same year e.g. Ammunition recovered in 2013 could have been reported as lost at any time since 2001.