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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 June requesting the following information:

- 1) *Were any civilian or military personnel the SUBJECT of test done as part of the Human Capabilities Research Programme?*
- 2) *Can you forward me a copy of the Final Technical Report of the Human Capabilities Research Programme?*

We are treating your correspondence 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 some information in scope of your request is held.

As we indicated in our response (FOI 935-14) to your previous request, in our letter of 09 April 2014, the Human Capabilities Research Programme is wide ranging and will contain some studies that require the involvement of human participants. Given the target population concerned many of these will be volunteers from defence personnel, either military or civilian.

We can confirm that both military and civilian personnel have volunteered to participate in studies undertaken as part of the Human Capabilities Programme and to ensure that these studies are conducted appropriately; they will have been reviewed and approved by the independent MOD Research Ethics Committee (MODREC). Details of the MOD ethical review process for research involving human participants can be found on the MODREC website at:

<http://www.science.mod.uk/engagement/modrec/modrec.aspx>

Given the wide ranging nature of the Human Capabilities Research programme there is no single final technical report produced for the programme. You can find more information on the breadth of research undertaken under the HC research programme at the following link: <https://www.defencehumancapability.com/>.

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.

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Yours sincerely
