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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2014 requesting the following information:

Please can you provide the following information regarding what is commonly known as sonic booms recorded and/or reported in the UK.

- 1) *How many sonic booms have been recorded and/or reported – and acknowledged as sonic booms by the MoD – in the UK in the five years between 2009 and 2014? In each case please say when they took place and above which county or counties, and specifically above which towns or cities.*
- 2) *How many reports of damage as a result of sonic booms have been received by the MoD in the UK in the five years between 2009 and 2014? In each case please detail the damage reported, where and when it occurred.*
- 3) *How many claims for compensation have been lodged with the MoD regarding damage caused by sonic booms in the five years between 2009 and 2014?*
- 4) *How much has the MoD paid in compensation for damage caused by sonic booms in the five years between 2009 and 2014?*

I am 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 I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held, and can be found in the Annex attached to this letter.

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, 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. 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,



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Sonic Booms

How many sonic booms have been recorded and/or reported – and acknowledged as sonic booms by the MoD – in the UK in the five years between 2009 and 2014? In each case please say when they took place and above which county or counties, and specifically above which towns or cities.

2009	5	11-May	Berwickshire
		30-Jun	Powys
		11-Sep	East Yorkshire
		14-Sep	East Yorkshire
		16-Sep	East Yorkshire
2010	2	01-Apr	Anglesey
		16-Dec	Powys
2011	0		
2012	5	12-Jan	North Sea, Northumberland
		26-Jan	Otley, Yorkshire
		12-Apr	Central England
		16-Apr	Llangeitho, Ceredigion
		19-Nov	Llangasan, Powys
		05-Dec	Llangeitho, Ceredigion
2013	1	10-Oct	Lampeter, Ceredigion
2014	3	10-Mar	Aberystwyth, Ceredigion
		14-Apr	Filby, Norfolk
		05-Jun	Peterborough, Cambridge

Damage Reported

How many reports of damage as a result of sonic booms have been received by the MoD in the UK in the five years between 2009 and 2014? In each case please detail the damage reported, where and when it occurred.

2009	Nil				
2010	Nil				
2011	1	08-Jun	Property damage - broken window	Thornage, Norfolk	Repudiated
2012	7	12-Jan	Property damage - damage to church plasterwork	Alnwick, Northumberland	Settled
		12-Jan	Property damage - damage to conservatory, fencing and garden	Alnwick, Northumberland	Repudiated
		12-Jan	Property damage - damage to overhead lighting	Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland	Settled
		26-Jan	Property damage - broken window	Harrogate, North Yorkshire	Settled
		12-Apr	Property damage - cracked window	Carterton, Oxfordshire	Settled
		12-Apr	Property damage - collapsed dry stone wall	Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire	Repudiated
		12-Apr	Property damage - damage to window seals	Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire	Repudiated
2013	3	16-Jun	Property damage - damage to patio doors	Colchester, Essex	Repudiated
		16-Jun	Property damage - damage to roof tiles	Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire	Repudiated
		16-Jun	Property damage - shattered car window	Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire	Claim not pursued
2014	4	10-Mar	Property damage - broken windows	Aberystwyth, Anglesey	Active
		10-Mar	Property damage - greenhouse windows broken	Aberystwyth, Anglesey	Repudiated
		05-Jun	Property damage - cracked window	Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	Settled
		05-Jun	Property damage - dislodged roof tiles	Deeping St James, Lincolnshire	Active

Claims

How many claims for compensation have been lodged with the MoD regarding damage caused by sonic booms in the five years between 2009 and 2014?

2009	Nil
2010	Nil
2011	1
2012	7
2013	3
2014	4
Total	15

Compensation

How much has the MoD paid in compensation for damage caused by sonic booms in the five years between 2009 and 2014?

2009	Nil
2010	Nil
2011	Nil
2012	£1,670.53
2013	Nil
2014	£174.00
Total	£1,844.53