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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 July 2014 where, following discussions on how to clarify your request dated 26 June 2014, ref 01849, you requested the following information:

- 1. The number of UK military weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round (commonly known as 7.62 NATO) have been reported as lost, or stolen by enemy forces in Helmand province during during Herricks 4 to 9 inclusive.*
- 2. The number of UK OR OTHER weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round (commonly known as 7.62 NATO) found or recovered from enemy forces in Helmand province during Herricks 4 to 9 inclusive.*
- 3. The number of UK OR OTHER weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round (commonly known as 7.62 NATO) found or recovered from enemy forces in Afghanistan during Herrick 10 and since*
- 4. The types of UK military weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round (commonly known as 7.62 NATO) have been used by UK forces in Helmand province'.*

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Answering your questions in turn;

- 1. The number of UK military weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round (commonly known as 7.62 NATO) have been reported as lost, or stolen by enemy forces in Helmand province during during Herricks 4 to 9 inclusive'.*

This information is not held.

I am however able to tell you that between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2013, one UK military weapon capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round was reported as lost, or stolen by enemy forces, in Helmand province.

'2. The number of UK OR OTHER weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round (commonly known as 7.62 NATO) found or recovered from enemy forces in Helmand province during Herricks 4 to 9 inclusive'.

This information is not held.

'3. The number of UK OR OTHER weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round (commonly known as 7.62 NATO) found or recovered from enemy forces in Afghanistan during Herrick 10 and since'.

This information is not held.

I am however able to tell you that between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2013, one UK military weapon capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round was recovered from enemy forces in Helmand province.

'4. The types of UK military weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round (commonly known as 7.62 NATO) have been used by UK forces in Helmand province'.

The following UK military weapons capable of firing a 7.62 x 51mm round have been used by UK forces in Helmand province;

Sharpshooter Rifle (L129A1)
Sniper Rifle (L96A1)
General Purpose Machine Gun (L7A2)

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,

PJHQ J8 Secretariat