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## Dear

Thank you for your email of 21 December 2014 which requested the following information:

"Could you provide the number of non military (civilians) who have been killed whilst contracted to the MoD in Iraq and Afghanistan whilst deployed under CONDO or CONLog. Please provide the numbers for each year since 2003 to date for those 1.Contractors deployed under CONDO / ConLog 2.Locally Employed Civilians (if available)"

Your subsequent clarification on 29 January 2015 stated:

"Thank you for your response and I clarify the points Please reply on the Contractors deployed that have died other than of nature causes.
I no longer require that data on Locally Recruited Workers (LRW) and sorry for the incorrect reference of Locally Employed Civilians (LECs)"

Your correspondence has been treated 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 the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Defence Statistics identified 25 contractors who were listed as having died whilst deployed to Operation TELIC (Iraq) or Operation HERRICK (Afghanistan), within the Joint Theatre Trauma Registry (JTTR) and Field Hospital datasets. One of those contractors died of natural causes.

Not all of the remaining 24 contractors would have necessarily been employed under CONDO. Some may have been Locally Recruited Workers (LRW), or possibly employed by a different nation or by another Government department. In fact we can only confirm that one of the 25 contractors was recorded as being employed under CONDO with the MOD, and he died in 2011.

The Joint Theatre Trauma Register (JTTR) commenced during 2003 to improve the care of the seriously injured patient from the point of injury to the point of discharge from hospital treatment. A casualty is entered onto the JTTR if the incident triggers activation of the trauma team in a deployed field hospital.

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 this office 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). 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,

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