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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 July in which you requested the following information:

“Footnote 111 on page 1.4-67 of the Service Inquiry report into the circumstances of the accident involving Lynx ZF540 in Afghanistan on 26 April 2014 states that following the accident the risk to life has been set at 6/1000. This places the risk in the unacceptable region, and is well below the standard of 1/1000. Can you provide me with a copy of the current ODH tolerable and ALARP statement?”

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The Official Duty Holder (ODH) tolerable and As Low As Reasonably Possible (ALARP) statement is shown below and was made by the ODH, Major General Richard Felton. This has been extracted from the minutes of the Lynx Air System Safety Working Group on 17 December 2015.

“Having reviewed the Equipment Safety Case, Hazard Log, Release to Service, Statement of Operating Intent and Usage (SOIU), Air Safety Risk Registers and all governance issues, as ODH, I am content that all the Risk to Life (RtL) on the Lynx Mk 9A are tolerable and ALARP.”

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Yours sincerely,

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