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We refer to your email of 11 December 2016, which requested the following information:-

*“Could you please provide information on;*

- 1. The number of rounds that have been fired by British Forces in each Brigade rotation in Helmand province from Herrick 4 up until and including Herrick 20. If possible could this include Anti-Armour and Artillery rounds as well*
- 2. The amount of ammunition expended by WAH-64 Apache’s deployed in Afghanistan from Herrick 4 up until and including Herrick 20”*

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 information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found at Annex A.

The majority of forces were based in Helmand Province, but there was also a presence in other areas such as Kabul and Kandahar. Data was collated on the overall amount of ammunition expended by British Forces across Afghanistan, but not in Helmand Province specifically.

It was therefore not possible to provide information on the amount of ammunition expended in Helmand province alone, and we have instead provided information on the amount of ammunition expended by British Forces across Afghanistan for each Brigade rotation.

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 [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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 under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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### HERRICK Ammunition Expenditure Figures<sup>1</sup>

Ammunition Type	HERRICK 4 <sup>2</sup>	HERRICK 5	HERRICK 6	HERRICK 7	HERRICK 8	HERRICK 9	HERRICK 10	HERRICK 11	HERRICK 12	HERRICK 13	HERRICK 14	HERRICK 15	HERRICK 16	HERRICK 17	HERRICK 18	HERRICK 19	HERRICK 20
	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty	Qty
7.62mm all variants	210,000	520,000	1,300,000	1,380,000	700,000	908,400	1,578,000	1,563,000	1,065,000	1,085,000	809,000	490,000	413,000	316,500	700,600	317,700	244,600
5.56mm all variants	235,000	615,000	1,490,000	1,390,000	1,000,000	1,080,000	2,657,000	3,207,000	1,615,000	1,276,000	2,343,000	1,582,000	1,400,000	4,659,000	1,342,000	948,000	534,000
0.5 inch/ 12.7mm all variants <sup>3</sup>	27,400	90,350	204,800	201,000	126,000	186,600	345,500	427,200	190,000	170,000	132,000	233,500	73,000	51,400	89,300	50,850	43,700
9mm all variants	10,000	69,000	30,000	69,000	71,700	61,400	72,500	117,500	38,000	64,000	263,000	55,000	105,000	281,500	287,000	270,800	185,100
0.388 inch all variants	200	1,700	5,600	7,300	8,200	12,100	17,800	19,500	5,000	12,300	12,500	11,500	1,700	9,400	11,000	4,300	5,200
12 bore shotgun all variants	5	45	660	15,100	300	525	6,750	8,000	4,200	3,000	9,000	7,000	2,300	1,600	16,000	12,600	11,750
105mm all variants	8,600	4,300	12,100	12,400	5,600	11,200	7,970	3,500	2,800	2,000	500	2,100	1,900	4,100	1,000	1,850	1,250
30mm armoured fighting vehicle rounds	1,200	5,000	3,600	2,800	745	4,500	2,500	3,000	1,200	400	1,000	500	100	20	600	100	0
30mm attack helicopter Rounds	29,800	21,000	27,800	15,700	34,400	34,200	35,500	48,000	52,000	64,000	55,000	52,000	56,500	51,600	55,100	47,000	37,100

<sup>1</sup> Figures are approximate and include training and operational rounds expended. Where applicable figures have been rounded.

<sup>2</sup> Accounting records exist only from 13 August 2006 (i.e. mid HERRICK 4).

<sup>3</sup> Until HERRICK 16 the MOD was using both 0.5 inch and 12.7mm calibre ammunition in the same weapon systems. Afterwards the newer designs which were procured were designated as 12.7mm.