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By email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MOD POLICE USE OF TASERS AND INJURIES.**

I refer to your email dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email of the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 you requested the following information:

- “1. How many times have your officers drawn a taser gun in the last 10 years? (please provide yearly breakdown for financial years)
2. How many times have your officers aimed a taser gun in the last 10 years? (please provide yearly breakdown for financial years)
3. How many times have your officers arced a taser gun in the last 10 years? (please provide yearly breakdown for financial years)
4. How many times have your officers red dotted a taser gun in the last 10 years? (please provide yearly breakdown financial years)
5. How many times have your officers drive stunned a taser gun in the last 10 years? (please provide yearly breakdown for financial years)
6. How many times have your officers fired a taser gun in the last 10 years? (please provide yearly breakdown for financial years)

\* If for any of the financial years you don't have the breakdown as requested or my overall FOI exceeds cost limits then please simply indicate how many discharges and non-discharges there were for each year.

7. How many injuries have resulted from the use of taser guns in the last 10 financial years? Please provide date of each incident and describe the injury.

**8. How many deaths have resulted from the use of taser guns in the last 10 years?  
Please provide date of each death, the age of the person who died and the location.**

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

Please see Annex A attached in regards to your request.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email [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 the 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

**MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office**

**Annex A to Freedom of Information Request 2016/04933 RFI 142/16 – MOD  
Police use of Tasers and injuries.**

Please note: the Ministry of Defence Police did not have TASER's prior to 2008.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1. Drawn	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	1
2. Aimed	2	2	1	1	1	0	2	1
3. Arced	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Red Dotted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Drive Stunned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Fired	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
7. Injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Please note:**

**To discharge a TASER you must have drawn and aimed/red dotted.**

**To 'aim' a TASER you must have 'drawn'**

**The drawn figures represent occasions where a TASER was removed from a holster but not aimed/red dotted or 'discharged.'**