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Dear

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2015 which requested the following information:

I am interested in how many disposable Battery's the MOD uses.

I am particularly interested in sizes AA, AAA, D and C

Please could you supply the information, broken down for the last 3 years for each type

Your email is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

There are two sources of information relating to MOD use of batteries; the first relates to use of batteries by the Front Line Commands and the second predominantly relates to use in MOD offices.

The number of batteries issued to the Royal Navy, RAF and Army in the last three years is in Table 1 below. Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to note that these batteries are procured through a MOD contract and the totals include heavy operational usage which lessened from October 2014 onwards.

Table 1: Batteries issued to Front Line Commands

Battery type	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total
AA	507,739	457,403	432,620	1,397,762
AAA	1,514,173	1,408,785	1,326,105	4,249,063
C	40,681	32,973	27,669	101,323
D	91,540	78,868	37,761	208,169

The number of batteries procured in the last three years for the MOD under the Government-wide, Crown Commercial Services General Office Supplies contract is in Table 2 below. Information on how many of these batteries are actually used in each year is not held. Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, it is worth noting that while most of these batteries will be used in offices across the MOD estate, some may have been issued to the Front Line Commands and therefore may also be included in Table 1.

Table 2: Batteries procured through the General Office Supplies contract

Battery type	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total
AA	26,094	31,952	26,360	84,406
AAA	17,060	15,340	12,964	45,364
C	661	650	516	1,827
D	1,092	704	925	2,721

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.

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,

