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Thank you for your email of 5th April 2015 requesting the following information:

"A: How many L98A1 rifles were produced.

B: Which contractors, if any, tendered for the disposal of the rifles.

C: The final fate of the L98A1 rifles; whether sold, destroyed, or still in storage."

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 answers are below.

"A: How many L98A1 rifles were produced."

The original fleet size was 21,707 rifles.

"B: Which contractors, if any, tendered for the disposal of the rifles."

None, Government policy is that all weapons are disposed of by being destroyed.

"C: The final fate of the L98A1 rifles; whether sold, destroyed, or still in storage."

They were converted to the L98A2 version, with the exception of 2,488 converted to drill weapons and 4,015 kept in storage.

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.

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Yours sincerely,



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