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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 June 2016 in which you requested the following information:

Please could I have a copy of Cdr JHC's Tolerable and ALARP statement covering the risk of wire strikes for the Puma Mk2 helicopter. I understand that wire strike is Cdr JHC's second highest Air Safety risk.

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 information you requested is below:

During the last Puma Air System Safety Working Group held on 3 February 2016 the Comd JHC made the following statement which is relevant for all Puma Mk2 Risks to Life, including that from wire strikes:

“Having reviewed the Equipment Safety Case, Hazard Log, Release to Service, Statement of Operating Intent and Usage, Air Safety Risk Registers and all governance issues, as Operating Duty Holder, I am content that all the Risks to Life on the Puma HC Mk2 are at least Tolerable and As Low As Reasonably Practicable”.

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Yours sincerely,

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