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Dear [Redacted],

Your correspondence dated 5 November 2015 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

Please can you list all the items reported lost by employees between October 2014 to October 2015 and categorise them into items lost worth under £100, items lost worth under £500 and items lost worth more than £500.

Can you repeat the same request for the dates October 2013 to October 2014 and October 2012 to October 2013.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held. The MOD does not record personal items reported lost by individual employees.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance while processing FOI requests, and I have therefore included some additional information below that you may find useful.

The MOD records information on losses that occur for a variety of reasons. Stores losses, which relate to losses of items of equipment, etc, are recorded discretely within the Department. The MOD keep separate central records on thefts. Information on losses held centrally consists only of the summary information, and some more detailed information on losses exceeding £250,000, that appears in the MOD Annual Report and Accounts under section 24.

Departmental Group – Losses and Special Payments (see link below).

[MOD Annual Reports and Accounts – 2014-2015](#)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445955/20150716-17-MOD-ARAc-combined-at-16-July-2015-print-version.pdf

In most cases, therefore, the information held centrally about stores losses consists only of the number of cases of losses and value of these cases for each Top Level Budgetary area in the Department. Note that each 'case' of a loss might actually consist of the loss of more than one item, and therefore in order

to identify losses of individual items it might be necessary to examine individual cases. This is made more difficult by the fact that the MOD is a large and geographically dispersed organisation. The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you were to reduce or refine your request to a specific MOD location or specific type of loss as detailed above. You could also reduce or set a time frame you would like us to conduct our search for the information.

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>.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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