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Dear

Thank you for your email of 26 November 2014 requesting the following information:

*“How many Bar mines were used in the Iraq war between 2003 and 2009 (Apr) and what they were used for? If possible a monthly breakdown of their use especially during 2005 and 2006.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested in relation to Op TELIC can be found at Annex A. Bar Mines were used as a source of high explosive for controlled explosions, for example to enable the disposal of out-of-date ordnance and sometimes the creation of charges to enable forced entry. They were not used in their role as mines.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [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.

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Yours sincerely,

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