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Dear

Thank you for your email of 9 March 2015 which requested the following information:

'I would like to refine my question to the one of Chemical weapons.

Did the UK MoD get involved in any way with the destruction of chemical weapons in Iraq from May 2005 to Dec 2006. If so what natures and quantities?'.

Your correspondence has been treated 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 we can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The UK destroyed 122mm 'Al Boraq' canister munitions, which were suspected to contain GB (Sarin), on two separate occasions in Iraq during the period stated.

- 16 January 2006 x 16 canisters were destroyed.
- 5 May 2006 x 5 canisters were destroyed.

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Yours sincerely

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