



Our ref: 2016/05074
Your ref:

Date 8 June 2016

Dear 

Thank you for your email of 16 May 2016 requesting the following information:

"1. All minute relating to a single protocol:

A Field-Based Thermal Burden Assessment of Operational Performance in a Hot Environment: Observational Study.

Investigator 

Protocol dated 13/08/2013

2. All minute relating to a single protocol:

552/MODREC/14

Study into Team Dynamics in increasingly demanding environments

Dated 22nd June 2014.

Investigator 

3. The total number of MoDREC meetings from April 2013 to April 2016.

The total number of full minutes recorded and signed off in the same period".

We are 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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found attached. However, some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

In relation to the protocol entitled "*A Field-Based Thermal Burden Assessment of Operational Performance in a Hot Environment - Observational Study*" (465MODREC13), this protocol was reviewed at the MODREC meeting held on 3 September 2013 and progress was noted at the MODREC meeting held on 8 October 2013. The extracts of the draft minutes of these two meetings that relate to protocol 465MODREC13 are attached.

In relation to the protocol entitled "*Study into Team Dynamics in Increasingly Demanding Environments*" (552MODREC14), this protocol was reviewed at the MODREC meeting held on 3 June 2014 and progress was noted at the MODREC meeting held on 1 July 2014. The extracts of the draft minutes of these two meetings that relate to protocol 552MODREC14 are attached.

In relation to the information that has been requested in relation to the total number of MODREC meetings from April 2013 to April 2016, we can confirm that a total of thirty nine meetings have taken place during this period and minutes for each of these meetings are held. The majority of these minutes (April 2013 to June 2015) remain in draft form but those covering the period July 2015 to April 2016 are now being reviewed by the MODREC Chair and his Officers with a view to endorsing them in the very near future.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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