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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 14th October 2015 requesting the following information:

I am requesting information related to MOD spending on the SA80 assault rifle or equivalent rifle. I wish to know how many are annually manufactured/used. The breakdown of the costs for its life-cycle (from conceptual stage to the disposal stage, including spending on maintenance and usage). Also, if you could provide me with a component list for the rifle, I would be grateful.

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The responses to your questions are as follows:

Q. How many are annually manufactured/used?

A. The MOD do not currently manufacture complete SA-80 weapon systems. Approximately 1792 are repaired annually. Usage data is not collected.

Q. The breakdown of the costs for its life-cycle (from conceptual stage to the disposal stage, including spending on maintenance and usage).

A. The SA-80 family of weapons was developed and manufactured by the Royal Ordnance Factories for the MOD from the late 1970s into the 1980s. Full cost information of that development is no longer kept by the MOD. From an accounting perspective, the value of the SA-80 family of weapons currently held by the MOD is £193.8M. It is currently forecast that the repair and maintenance of the SA-80 family over the next ten years will cost £94M. The current out of service date is 2030. Usage data is not collected. All figures are inclusive of VAT.

Q. If you could provide me with a component list for the rifle.

A. A component list can be found at Annex A.

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

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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>.

Yours sincerely,

DE&S Secretariat (Land Equipment & ISTAR)

ANNEX A	SA80 COMPONENT LIST
SA80	FILLER
SA80	BUTT PLATE ASSY
SA80	GAUGE
SA80	BIPOD,RIFLE
SA80	GAUGE,ARMOURERS,HDSPACE
SA80	GUARD
SA80	SCABBARD ASY
SA80	FIRING ATTCHMNT,B AMMO
SA80	BUFFER
SA80	GRIP,HANDLE
SA80	LEG,GUN MOUNT
SA80	LEG,BIPOD
SA80	SPRING,PAWL
SA80	BREECHBLOCK
SA80	PIN,GROOVED,HEADLESS
SA80	CAP,MUZZLE
SA80	EXTRACTOR,CARTRIDGE
SA80	ROD & FOLLOWER ASSY
SA80	TOOL
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	CATCH,BIPOD
SA80	EXTENSION,ROD
SA80	BOX
SA80	WASHER,RECESSED
SA80	CARRIER
SA80	PIN AXIS,MAIN SEAR
SA80	SPRING,RETURN
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST
SA80	CON CHECKER
SA80	BIPOD,RIFLE
SA80	GAGE,PLUG,PLAIN CYLNRCL
SA80	GAUGE,HEADSPACE
SA80	COLLIMATOR KIT,SMALL ARM
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST
SA80	ROD,CLEANING,SMALL ARMS
SA80	PLATE
SA80	COATING
SA80	PIN,LOCK
SA80	CYLINDER,GAS
SA80	SAFETY,GRENADE LAUNCHER
SA80	HANDLE ASSY,COCKING
SA80	PLATFORM,MAGAZINE
SA80	FLASH ELIMINATOR ASSY
SA80	CLIP
SA80	PIN AXIS
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADED
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	ELEVATION COLLAR
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADLESS
SA80	SIGHT,REAR
SA80	CBN TOOL
SA80	MAGAZINE ASSY
SA80	CLEANING KIT,GUN
SA80	BRUSH,CLNNG,SMALL ARMS
SA80	PIN

SA80	FIRING PIN
SA80	BARREL
SA80	RIFLE
SA80	LOOP,CLEANING ROD
SA80	MANDREL,BODY REPAIR
SA80	SPRING,HELICAL,EXTENSION
SA80	SPRING,EXTRACTOR
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	SCREW,SOCKET HEAD
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADLESS
SA80	PULLTHROUGH
SA80	BANDOLEER
SA80	SPRING,EJECTOR
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADED
SA80	BARREL ASSY
SA80	ADAPTER RAIL,WEAPON MTD
SA80	SPRING
SA80	CARRIER,BOLT
SA80	RIFLE,5.56 MILLIMETER
SA80	SLIDE CADET
SA80	SCREW
SA80	PIN,SPRING
SA80	RIFLE,5.56MM,DEACTIVATED
SA80	SELECTOR,AXIS ASSEMBLY
SA80	SPRING
SA80	SAW SCABBARD
SA80	PLUNGER
SA80	PLUG ASSY,GAS CYLINDER
SA80	HANDLE ASSEMBLY,COCKING
SA80	PIN,AXIS,RETNR CARRIER
SA80	SCREW,EXT RELIEVED BODY
SA80	HAMMER,FIRING MECHANISM
SA80	GUARD ASSY
SA80	LEG SLIDING,BIPOD ASSY
SA80	PLATE
SA80	SPRING
SA80	PAD,RECOIL
SA80	GUARD,TRIGGER
SA80	ROD,TRIGGER
SA80	CATCH
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	COVER
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST
SA80	HOUSING ASSY
SA80	FIRING ATTACHMENT,BLANK
SA80	PIN,SPRING
SA80	ADAPTER,GUN MOUNTING
SA80	BREECHBLOCK
SA80	BLOCK ASSY,DRILL
SA80	MOD KIT,GUN,WEAPON
SA80	TOOL, SIGHT ADJUSTING
SA80	SCREW,MACHINE
SA80	SAFETY,SMALL ARMS
SA80	SUPPRESSOR,FLASH
SA80	PIN
SA80	PLUG ASSEMBLY

SA80	SPRING,HEL,COMPRESSION
SA80	SA80 CARBINE 5.56MM
SA80	RIFLE,5.56MM
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADLESS
SA80	BODY,SCABBARD
SA80	BLADE ASSY,FORESIGHT
SA80	LAUNCHER,GRENADE
SA80	OILSTONE ASY
SA80	SIMUNITION SA80 BOLT
SA80	CONTAINER,CLEANING KIT
SA80	BRCHBLK ASSY
SA80	MAGAZINE,CARTRIDGE
SA80	GAUGE
SA80	BODY ASSY,FORESIGHT
SA80	MAG TUBE
SA80	WRENCH,FLASH ELIMINATOR
SA80	LIMITING PCE
SA80	SCREW
SA80	PIN SPRING,STEEL
SA80	PLUG,PISTOL GRIP
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST
SA80	SEAR,MAIN
SA80	SCREW
SA80	SPRING,BIPOD LEG
SA80	RIFLE
SA80	SPRING,HELICAL,TORSION
SA80	BRACKET,BIPOD
SA80	ROLL
SA80	POUCH,OPRTNL CLEANNG KIT
SA80	PARTS KIT,GUN MOUNT
SA80	LEVER
SA80	BOLT
SA80	PISTON
SA80	BRUSH,CLEANING
SA80	PAD
SA80	PIN, LOCK
SA80	BODY,BLANK FIRING ATTCH.
SA80	PIN,FIRING
SA80	BARREL,CARBINE
SA80	FLASH HIDER
SA80	CLIP RETG
SA80	SPRING,HELICAL,COMP
SA80	GAS,PORT,BOLT
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADLESS
SA80	ROD
SA80	SPRING
SA80	HOUSING ASSEMBLY
SA80	GRIP,CARBINE
SA80	PIN
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST
SA80	BODY,BIPOD PIVOT
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADLESS
SA80	BIPOD,MACHINE GUN,5.56MM
SA80	SUPPRESSOR,FLASH
SA80	RIFLE,5.56MM W/IRON SGHT
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST

SA80	ADAPTER,GUN MOUNTING
SA80	PIN,RETAINING
SA80	BIPOD,RIFLE
SA80	CONTAINER
SA80	MOUNT ASSEMBLY,TORCH
SA80	ROD,CLEANING,SMALL ARMS
SA80	PIN,RETAINING,FIRING PIN
SA80	BLADE
SA80	LOOP,SLING
SA80	FLASH ELIMINATOR
SA80	EJECTOR PLATFORM
SA80	SHIPPING & STORAGE
SA80	HOLDER,CLEANING KIT
SA80	SCREW
SA80	BOLT
SA80	RIFLE,5.56MM
SA80	RIFLE,5.56MM
SA80	CATCH
SA80	PIN,TAPERED,PLAIN
SA80	SCREW,MACHINE
SA80	CYLINDER
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST
SA80	SEAR,INTERCEPTOR
SA80	BARREL,RIFLE
SA80	SCREW
SA80	SPRING,HEL,COMPRESSION
SA80	GRIP,HANDLE
SA80	ROLL,WEAPON
SA80	BUTT
SA80	BOLT ASSEMBLY
SA80	MAGAZINE,CARTRIDGE
SA80	HOLDER,FUSE
SA80	CES,LSW 5.56MM
SA80	HAMMER
SA80	BRUSH
SA80	WASHER,RECESSED
SA80	BRUSH,CLNNG,SMALL ARMS
SA80	PLT BUTT ASY
SA80	CUTTER
SA80	DRILL RIFLE,5.56 MILLIME
SA80	WASHER,RECESSED
SA80	SPRING,RETURN
SA80	SCREW,MACHINE
SA80	SPRING
SA80	SCABBARD,BAYONET
SA80	WASHER,RECESSED
SA80	COVER
SA80	BODY ASSY,SIGHT REAR
SA80	SHIPPING & STORAGE CONTA
SA80	SPRING
SA80	HANDLE ASSEMBLY,COCKING
SA80	BOTTLE ,SCREW CAP
SA80	SPACER,RETAINER,CARRIER
SA80	BRUSH,CLEANING
SA80	LEG SLIDING,BIPOD ASSY
SA80	PIN

SA80	SPRING,RETNG,SFT PLUNGER
SA80	KIT
SA80	CASE,OPTICAL INSTRUMENT
SA80	LOCK NUT,BLANK FIRNG ATT
SA80	EJECTOR,CARTRIDGE
SA80	PLUG REAMER
SA80	PIN,RETAINING
SA80	EXTRACTOR
SA80	TRIGGER
SA80	SPRING,HEL,COMPRESSION
SA80	ROD CLEANING
SA80	CLIP,RETAINING
SA80	ROD RECOIL ASSY
SA80	MAGAZINE,CARTRIDGE
SA80	SCABBARD ASY
SA80	PIN AXIS
SA80	INSERT,SPRING EXTRACTOR
SA80	ELIMINATOR,FLASH
SA80	SPRING
SA80	LOOP,SLING
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADLESS
SA80	ELEVATION SCREW
SA80	BODY ASSY
SA80	PIN,LOCK
SA80	LEAF,SIGHT REAR
SA80	SCREW,CAP,SOCKET HEAD
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST
SA80	O-RING
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	SCREW,MACHINE
SA80	CATCH,MAGAZINE
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADED
SA80	SPRING
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	PIN
SA80	BOLT,BREECH
SA80	BLOCK ASSY,SIGHT REAR
SA80	RIFLE 5.56MM L85A2
SA80	COLLIMATOR,BATON GUN
SA80	BRUSH
SA80	BODY,BLANK,FIRING ATT
SA80	SHIPPING & STORAGE CNTNR
SA80	PIN,HOLLOW
SA80	WASHER
SA80	BAYONET
SA80	PLUNGER,SAFETY
SA80	SPRAY PUMP
SA80	COVER ASSEMBLY,DRILL
SA80	SPRING,HEL,COMPRESSION
SA80	PRIMER COATING
SA80	EJECTOR
SA80	PIVOT,SAW
SA80	BARREL,SUBCALIBER GUN
SA80	PIN,QUICK RELEASE
SA80	MAG FLOOR
SA80	RETAINER,CARRIER

SA80	BRUSH,CLEANING,ARTILLERY
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	PLATE,SECURING
SA80	SPRING
SA80	SEAR
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST
SA80	WASHER,RECESSED
SA80	COLLIMATOR,TELESCOPE
SA80	SPRING,HELICAL,TORSION
SA80	SCREW,ADJ SIGHT REAR
SA80	BRUSH,CLEANING
SA80	GRIP,GRENADE LAUNCHER
SA80	PLUNGER,DETENT
SA80	RING,RETAINING
SA80	SUPPRER,SMALL ARMS WPN
SA80	SLEEVE,LEADING
SA80	RIFLE 5.56MM
SA80	BODY ASSY
SA80	BRUSH
SA80	FIRING ATTCHMNT,BLNK AMO
SA80	TUBE,BLANK FIRING ATT
SA80	CHECK WEIGHT,TRIGGER
SA80	MAINTENANCE KIT
SA80	INSERT HOUSING ASSY
SA80	COVER
SA80	BASE PLATE,MAGAZINE
SA80	BLOCK ASSY,BREECH MECH
SA80	GUARD
SA80	BEARING,WASHER,THRUST
SA80	SLEEVE,BIPOD
SA80	WASHER,FLAT
SA80	THUMB NUT,LEAF ADJUSTING
SA80	FIRING ATTCHMNT,B AMMO
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	SCREW,MACHINE
SA80	RECOIL ROD ASSEMBLY
SA80	PISTOL GRIP
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	SPRING HELICAL,TORSION
SA80	MAG ASSY
SA80	BANDOLEER
SA80	GRIP,RIFLE
SA80	STOCK,FORE END,GUN
SA80	ANVIL BUFFER
SA80	BUFFER
SA80	FIRING ATT,BLANK AMMN
SA80	RECEIVER,SMALL ARMS
SA80	ROD & FOLLOWER ASSY
SA80	BOX MAGAZINE,AMMUNITION
SA80	MAGAZINE,CARTRIDGE
SA80	PIN,RETNG,LOCKING CATCH
SA80	SPRING
SA80	SEAR
SA80	MACHINE GUN
SA80	GUARD,HAND,GUN
SA80	GAUGE

SA80	PIN
SA80	WIRE CUTTER ASSY
SA80	MOUNT,SIGHT
SA80	GRIP,CARBINE
SA80	LOOP,BUTT
SA80	ADAPTER RAIL,WEAPON MTD
SA80	PIN,COVER EJECTION
SA80	GAGE,FIRING PIN
SA80	GAUGE,ARMOURERS,HDSPACE
SA80	SPRING,HELICAL,TORSION
SA80	SEAR
SA80	HANDLE
SA80	SCREW,LOCTG SIGHT REAR
SA80	INSERT,HOUSING
SA80	TRIGGER ASSEMBLY
SA80	SPRING PISTON
SA80	RIFLE
SA80	HANDGUARD
SA80	COLLIMATOR,SMALL ARMS
SA80	ADAPTOR,TORQUE WRENCH
SA80	CASE
SA80	BASE PLATE,MAGAZINE
SA80	WASHER,RECESSED
SA80	BRUSH,CLNNG,SMALL ARMS
SA80	TOOL RMVG
SA80	SPRING
SA80	GRIP,RIFLE
SA80	GUARD,HAND,GUN
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	SIGHT,REAR
SA80	MACHINE GUN
SA80	SCREW,HANDGUARD
SA80	BOTTLE OIL
SA80	CARRIER
SA80	SPRING,HELICAL,TORSION
SA80	MAINT KIT,SMALL ARMS
SA80	RETAINER
SA80	RIFLE,5.56 MILLIMETER
SA80	CAP,SCREW,BOTTLE AND JAR
SA80	COATING COMPOUND,CERAMIC
SA80	PIN,FIRING
SA80	SCREW,MACHINE
SA80	PIN,LOCK
SA80	FEEDER
SA80	MAGAZINE,CARTRIDGE,5.56
SA80	BODY,RIFLE
SA80	RETAINER,CARRIER
SA80	PULLTHROUGH
SA80	GUARD ASSY
SA80	SHROUD,MAGAZINE CATCH
SA80	BODY EXTN
SA80	SET,SPECIAL TOOLS
SA80	SAFETY,GRENADE LAUNCHER
SA80	FORSGT ASSY
SA80	SLIDE
SA80	GUARD ASSY

SA80	RIFLE,5.56MM
SA80	SPRING,MAGAZINE
SA80	ROLL,MAINT KIT,S/ARMS
SA80	STUD,CAM
SA80	ADAPTER RAIL,WEAPON MNT
SA80	CONVERSION KIT,5.56MILLI
SA80	SCREW
SA80	SIGHT,FRONT
SA80	PLUNGER,DETENT
SA80	BARREL ASSY
SA80	PIN,STRAIGHT,HEADED
SA80	PIN,LOCK
SA80	BODY,RIFLE L85A2
SA80	SHIM SET
SA80	HOUSING,INSERT ASSY
SA80	BANDOLEER
SA80	SPRING,HEL EXTENSION
SA80	BIPOD YOKE
SA80	GAUGE,ARMOURERS
SA80	THUMBNUT,BLADE FRSGT ADJ
SA80	BUTTON NYLON
SA80	MAGAZINE,CARTRIDGE
SA80	GUARD,HAND,GUN
SA80	PULL THROUGH ASSEMBLY