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Thank you for your email dated 25 August 2016, requesting the following information:

"How many guns/weapons were listed as lost or stolen from HM Armed Forces over the last 10 years? Please could you provide numbers per year"

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

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

The information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of absolute exemptions provided for at Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant) of the FOIA and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-released-by-mod-week-commencing-10-november-2014>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-25/4296>

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that statistics are only available from 2011 onwards, as prior to this records were not held centrally. Additionally, the statistics for years 2013 and 2014, released in the FOI response dated 10 November 2014, differ to those provided in the written question to Parliament on 3 July 2015. This is due to an error in the way the statistics were compiled, overstating the losses and thefts in the UK in 2013 and 2014.

In 2015, five weapons were reported lost/stolen.

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 this request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

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 detail of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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