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E-mail address: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your emails of 26 and 28 September in which you requested the following information:

*"I would be grateful if you could tell me the number of incidents that required an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team to deploy to London in the 12 years from 2004 to 2015 (inclusive).*

*If possible:*

*please break down the numbers by calendar year,  
only include incidents that involved 'live' ordnance, rather than 'false alarms'  
include RAF, RN and Army EOD teams."*

and,

*"MoD ref: 18/06/78912/FOI2017/05497, dated 1 June 2017.*

*Further to your FOI disclosure listed above, estimating the number of bombs made safe each year between 2010 and 2016 (inclusive), please could you identify how many of these bombs were discovered in Greater London."*

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/ the information in scope of your request is held and is as follows:

In answer to both of the above questions, I can confirm that for the period 2004 to 2016, the following number of air dropped weapons incidents were dealt with within the Greater London area:

2004 – 1  
2005 – 1  
2007 – 1  
2011 – 1  
2015 – 1  
2016 – 2

All of the tasks were undertaken by Army units.

Under section 16 of the FOIA – advice and assistance – I should advise that the Metropolitan Police deal with most Explosive Ordnance incidents within the Greater London area. The Ministry of Defence only provides assistance for air dropped weapons or other occasions when requested.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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