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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 requesting the following information:

*"How many times the Ministry of Defence, including its agencies, has relied on the Crown use provisions of the Patents Act 1977 (ss 55-59) to use an invention (i.e. rather than obtaining a voluntary licence or agreement from the patent proprietor). ....broken down by year for each of the following years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017."*

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, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

There has only been a single occurrence of a Crown Use authorisation, given in the year 2014. Notably, this authorisation was ultimately not used. For all other years, it would be Nil.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me in the first instance.

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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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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