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Our ref: FOI 2017/09783

Your ref:

Date: 25 October 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2017 requesting the following information:

- "1. In (i) 2015 and (ii) 2016 how many animals have been used by the MoD for testing where the agent has been sarin gas?"*
- 2. For each year please state (i) how many of each type of animal the experiment was conducted on, (ii) whether the animals were anaesthetised in any way prior to exposure, (iii) what was the purpose of the experiment and (iv) the ultimate fate of the animal (did it die)?"*

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 (MOD), and we can confirm that during calendar years 2015 and 2016, no animals of any species were exposed to the agent sarin in experiments conducted on behalf of the MOD.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office 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.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,

Dstl Secretariat