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Dear

Thank you for your email of 11 June 2018 requesting the following information:

"Details of the type and number of explosive devices used at the Cape Wrath, Benbecula and Tain firing ranges in each of the last five years.

Refined Request;

Can I please narrow the scope of the request to cover "missiles systems" only."

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 some information, in scope of your request is held.

The MOD does not hold information for Cape Wrath and Tain firing ranges as missile systems are not used there.

The information you have requested for Benbecula firing ranges can be found enclosed at annex A, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 26 (Defence), of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 26, (1) (a) and (b) refers to information that if disclosed would or would likely prejudice: the defence of the British Islands or any colony; plans for future military capabilities; and the capability, effectiveness or security of the Armed Forces of the Crown or any forces cooperating with them. It was recognised that releasing numbers of missile systems used would provide greater transparency and allow government to be more accountable to the electorate. However, the MOD does not routinely publish details of stockholdings of missile systems, including those fired/launched and detonated. The release of this information would provide information that could be used to help build a picture of the UK's defence missile capability. This would be of interest to known and potential adversaries, endangering both military and civilian personnel and the wider public.

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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely,

**DIO Secretariat** 

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Land:					
Rapier	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Swiss Rapier	<b>√</b>				
Mistral		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Terrier Orion			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Terrier Oriole					<b>√</b>
Sea:					
Sea Ceptor		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Harpoon	<b>√</b>				
ESSM	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Sea Viper		✓			<b>√</b>
SM-2			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
SM-3			✓		<b>√</b>
SM-6					<b>√</b>
Air:					
ASRAAM		✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>
AMRAAM	<b>√</b>				
SSFP	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Meteor		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Storm Shadow			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
AQM 37c					<b>√</b>