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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 19th July 2018 requesting the following information.

"Would it be possible for you to please provide the number of cadet fatalities from 1999 to 2009."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm the information in scope of your request is held.

We've interpreted your request to relate to fatalities which have occurred whilst taking part in organised cadet duties and activities.

From 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2009, there have been ten cadet fatalities which have occurred whilst taking part in organised cadet duties and activities. Five deaths were the result of Road Traffic Accidents, three aircraft accidents, one boating incident and one the result of substance abuse.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the following:

Defence Statistics Health compiles the Department's authoritative deaths database for all UK regular Armed Forces personnel who died whilst in Service going back to 1984. Information is compiled from several internal and external sources from which we release a number of internal analyses and external National Statistics Notices.

We consider the safety and security of our Cadets of the utmost importance, and strive to make the Cadet Forces a fulfilling and safe environment to train. However, with a Community Cadet Force of some 84,370 (source: [MOD Sponsored Cadet Forces Statistics - 1 April 2018](#)) accidents do sadly occur but are a rare occurrence.

For all non UK regular Armed Forces personnel, including reservists and cadets, Defence Statistics Health record deaths in accordance with the Joint Service Publication 751: [Joint Casualty and Compassionate Policy and Procedures](#).

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

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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