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Via:

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 requesting the following information:

*May I ask for some assistance on finding out the back ground on the new training rifle small bore the L144-A1, it is a savage MKII FVT 22 LR .I think the NSN number is NSN 1005-20-009-5077. The reason behind my request is I shoot service rifle here old 303, and BSA 310 cadet trainer. We have an approved list on what we can shoot at state level and national.*

Following a request for clarification this was amended to:

- 1. the correct NSN number if possible and description e.g L144-A1 rifle 22lr small bore;*
- 2. which military units where involved in the trials of the rifle;*
- 3. which unit did the skill of arms for the rifle;*
- 4. which unit did the Army Equipment Support Publication for the rifle;*
- 5. have any UK military units used the L144-A1 and*
- 6. which unit/corps is responsible for the repair and maintenance for the L144-A1.*

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 that information in scope of your request is held and can be found below.

1. The Nato Stock Number for the rifle (with no ancillaries) is 1005-20-009-5075 and the description is "Cadet Small Bore Target Rifle".
2. The Infantry Trials and Development Unit led on the trials using Cadet Force adult volunteers for the trials troops.
3. The Small Arms School Corps (SASC) write all training and weapon handling pamphlets, including the Skill at Arms, taking advice from different sources, in this case the Cadet Force.
4. The Army Equipment Support Publication was delivered by Defence Equipment and Support in conjunction with the supplier.
5. No. This is purely a cadet rifle.
6. Level 1 repair would be user maintenance. Level 2 repairs would be carried out at service specific repair facilities i.e. Royal Airforce, Army or Royal Navy. Level 3 maintenance, repair and overhaul would be carried out at workshop level.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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