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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 14 October 2018 requesting the following information:

“Can the Ministry Of Defence please confirm if it holds a ‘Strategic Reserve’ of Diesel powered railway locomotives kept by the MOD (and specifically the Army) for use in times of a national emergency/crisis. If yes, please confirm the number of locomotives and the type, together with storage and maintenance details. If some of this request is deemed sensitive then I will accept a partial response.”

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 the Ministry of Defence (and specifically the Army) does not hold a ‘Strategic Reserve’ of diesel powered railway locomotives for use in times of a national emergency/crisis. For information, the Department does have working locomotives employed in shunting operations in UK MOD rail-served and rail-operated depots.

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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