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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 19 March 2018 requesting the following information:

"1. The number of reported trespass or unauthorised access to Ash Ranges for the last 5 years broken down by month and year.

2. The estimated lifespan of the new fencing at Ash Ranges."

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.

1. The following incursion figures have been recorded by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation and Industry Partner personnel at Ash Ranges since December 2015.

Year	Month	Number of Incursions
2015	Dec	229
2016	Jan	56
	Feb	3
	Mar	1
	Apr	59
	May	0
	June	1
	July	6
	Aug	1,163
	Sep	14
	Oct	6
	Nov	6
	Dec	1
2017	Jan	0
	Feb	8
	Mar	12
	Apr	361
	May	369
	Jun	933
	July	578
	Aug	110
	Sep	783
	Oct	268

	Nov	184
	Dec	71
2018	Jan	8
	Feb	229
	Mar	14

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the table above does not include incursion figures for Ash Ranges before December 2015 as they are not available. This is because incidents were captured prior to December 2015; however, incursions were not separately recorded.

It should also be noted that the figures for August 2016 were a result of a specific operation to maximise the reporting of incursions.

2. The expected life-span of the fencing at Ash Ranges is approximately 30 years.

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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