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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 28 December 2018 requesting the following information:

“As a major procurer of mattresses would you be able to supply data on the number of mattresses supplied in 2016, 2017 and 2018 (if available), the number of mattresses disposed of and the end fate of these mattresses?”

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.

The following information has been provided by our central contractor from their records, however, they have informed me that they do not have access to all earlier information for 2016 and 2017:

Item	2018 Quantity procured	2018 Quantity disposed
Mattresses	9,691	6,717

There may be additional releasable information held by the Department within our procurement and finance tool and I am in the process of interrogating this. I will write to you again, once I have ascertained if this information falls within scope of your original question.

For background information, soiled mattresses are classified as hazardous waste; it is, therefore, quite possible that mattresses have been declared, as such, and disposed of accordingly.

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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