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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.

I provided you with information held for 2018 in my letter (FOI2018/16242 dated 29 January 2019) and commented that there may be additional releasable information held by the Department and that I would write to you again, once I had ascertained if this information fell within scope of your original question.

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 is provided, and you will notice that with the additional information now included the 2018 figures in the table below have increased:

Item	2016	2017	2018
Mattresses Supplied	3961	8093	14333
Mattresses Disposed	2225	2521	8618

Figures have been aggregated to produce the totals. Information is not held centrally for Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships, which are supported through a Through-Life Support contract between A&P and Camel Laird; Furnishings including mattresses were supplied by a contractor (Trimline) during this period.

In response to my acknowledgement of your request on 12 February 2019 you commented “If appropriate, names of recyclers dealing with mattresses would be much appreciated.” You additionally asked (“separate from the FOI request submitted”) if your estimated “ballpark figure for

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total number of mattresses in MoD facilities across the UK as 140,000” – “Does this sound about right to you?”.

The central logistics contract for mattresses includes disposal and this is carried out through the contractor, who for the period of this FOI request was Millbrook (UK) Ltd (who was also the recycler), although the latest replacement contract has been let to Vision Support Services Ltd. For Royal Navy Fleet ships and submarines there is also a contract for mattresses with Millbrook (UK) Ltd as a sub-contractor to Varivane Ltd. We do not hold information centrally in respect of the total number of mattresses in MOD facilities across the UK.

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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