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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 04 December 2019 requesting the following information:

"I would be very grateful if you could give a detailed definition of the following terms used to describe firing times in the Salisbury Plain Training Area (SPTA).

1. DAY FIRING
2. NIGHT FIRING
3. LATE FIRING

Could you provide specific times (UK time) and time windows for each of the 3 terms?"

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below;

- The terminology 'Day' is used for day time firing periods between 0830 – 1700hrs.
- The terminology 'Night' is used for night time firing periods between 0830 – 2330hrs.
- If the terminology 'Late' is used, this is used in the same manner as 'Night' time firing periods as above.

Further, please see below the standard Salisbury Plain Training Area Firing Timetable, which shows the days and times which 'Day' and 'Night' firing are scheduled to take place.

'Day' firing

<u>Day</u>	<u>Times</u>
Monday	08.30-17.00 hrs
Wednesday	08.30-17.00 hrs
Friday	08.30-17.00 hrs
Sunday	08.30-13.00 hrs

'Night' firing

<u>Day</u>	<u>Times</u>
Tuesday	08.30-23.30 hrs (21.00hrs from 1 Nov – 1 Mar)
Thursday	08.30-23.30 hrs (21.00hrs from 1 Nov – 1 Mar)
Saturday	08.30–23.30hrs (21.00hrs from 1 Nov – 1 Mar)

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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