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Via:

January 24th 2020 Our Ref: FOI2019/13757

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 28th December 2019 requesting the following information:

I am submitting the following as a FoI request.

The scope of this request are all organisations financed through the MoD budget (i.e. Army, Royal Navy, RAF, reserves, cadet forces etc.).

For the No.7, No.8 and No.9 .22 cadet training rifles can you provide details of:

1. The volumes of rifles originally purchased broken down by rifle type, together with details of the year and month of purchase and the volume purchased from each manufacturer (i.e. BSA, Parker Hale or ROF Fazakerley).
2. Volumes of each rifle type currently held either directly or in reserve.
3. Details of all sales/gifts (i.e. month and year of sale, volume, types of rifle sold/gifted and recipient). If the rifle was deactivated before being sold/gifted can you identify these separately please.
4. Details of all disposals (i.e. month and year of destruction, volume and types of rifles destroyed.)

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.

The information you have requested can be found below.

1. We believe the Enfield No. 8 cadet training rifle was manufactured in the 1940s and 1950s. Despite an intensive search of archives, no records exist regarding the original procurement. I can confirm that none have been procured in the last ten years.
2. None of these rifles are held directly or in reserve.
3. None of these rifles have been gifted or sold as yet.
4. In relation to the Enfield No. 8 cadet rifle the below table gives details of those unserviceable rifles that have been sent for demilitarisation and subsequent disposal.

Quantity	Date
469	17/06/2011
499	17/06/2011
295	17/06/2011
1	22/02/2012
2	22/02/2012
9	20/03/2012
16	20/03/2012
24	22/04/2015
89	22/04/2015
103	22/04/2015
48	22/04/2015
43	22/04/2015
100	22/04/2015
98	29/04/2015
51	29/04/2015
122	29/04/2015
95	29/04/2015
1	20/07/2016

In addition to the above, 6,956 No 8 cadet rifles are to be released to the Defence Equipment Sales Authority for potential sale.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that no records of the Enfield Cadet No. 7 rifle could be found despite a search of archives. The Enfield Cadet No. 8 has been replaced by the Cadet Small Bore Training Rifle (CSBTR). The CSBTR is erroneously referred to in some quarters as the No. 9, but this description is not recognised by the MOD and no other rifle referred to as the No. 9 has been procured by the MOD. It is Government policy that small arms which are declared surplus by the MOD, other than automatic weapons which are routinely destroyed, are made available only to Governments, for use by acceptable military, paramilitary and police organisations, either directly or through duly licensed entities authorised to procure weapons. The MOD does not sell surplus weapons in the commercial market place. Any small arms not sold to other Governments are destroyed in line with tightly controlled procedures and sold as scrap metal. This activity is undertaken by the MOD's Defence Equipment Sales Authority (DESA).

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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