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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 1 October 2019 requesting the following information:

“In light of your letter, could you please answer questions 1,3 and 5 and exclude questions 2 and 4 as discussed.”

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, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below:

1. *How many employee devices that can store data (such as devices including smartphones, laptops, PDAs, external storage devices [hard drives, memory cards, CDs and DVDs] and tablets) were lost or stolen between 1st June 2018 and 1st June 2019*
 - a. *Of these devices, if available, how many were lost and how many were stolen*
 - b. *Of these devices, if available, how many were recovered after they were lost or stolen*

Number of devices reported lost:	704
Number of devices reported stolen:	63
Number of devices recovered:	83

The Ministry of Defence treats all breaches of security very seriously and requires all breaches to be reported regardless of whether there is firm evidence of loss or just an inability to account for some devices. All incidents are subjected to an initial security risk assessment with further action taken on a proportionate basis.

3. *Of the devices that were lost or stolen, how many were*
 - a. *Encrypted (i.e. the data was protected by either manufacturer provided encryption or third-party encryption)*
 - b. *Not encrypted*

Number of devices Encrypted:	621
Number of devices Unencrypted:	53
Number of devices Encryption unknown:	94

5. *When was your last audit by the Information Commissioners Office*

The Ministry of defence was last audited in 2010, please note that the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) have not requested to audit the MOD since 2010.

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,

Information Systems and Services (ISS) Secretariat