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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 18 September 2020 requesting the following information:

'The total number of individual firearms that have gone missing or were stolen from Ministry of Defence and/or British Army armouries in each of the past three full calendar years and 2020 to date, broken down by year.'

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of absolute exemptions provided for at Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-released-by-mod-week-commencing-12-october-2020>

In addition to the above, between 1 January 2020 and 18 September 2020, the following firearm(s) and ammunition were reported, and remain, missing:

Type	Quantity	Reported by	Lost/Stolen
Deactivated training Pistol	1	Army	Lost
Deactivated display purpose RPG-7	1	Army	Lost

The MOD takes the security of firearms and ammunition very seriously and have robust procedures to deter and prevent losses and thefts which are constantly reviewed. The majority of ammunition losses occur as a result of accidental loss during exercises or on operations.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Directorate of Security & Resilience