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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2021 in which you requested the following information:

*'Further this this FOI request which I have found:*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/926243/20200730-FOI2020-07549 - Information on the number types of weapons munitions ammunition and explosive reported lost or stolen.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/926243/20200730-FOI2020-07549_-_Information_on_the_number_types_of_weapons_munitions_ammunition_and_explosive_reported_lost_or_stolen.pdf)

*Can you please provide me with an update on:*

- The a) number and b) types of weapons reported or found to be lost or stolen*
- The a) number any b) types of munitions reported or found to be lost or stolen*
- The a) amount and b) types of ammunition reported or found to be lost or stolen*
- The a) amount and b) types of explosive reported or found to be lost or stolen'*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and we can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. 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://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/972619/20210318-FOI2021-01721-Final-redacted.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/972619/20210318-FOI2021-01721-Final-redacted.pdf)

From 1 January 2020 to the date of your request the following munitions, explosives and ammunition has been reported/found to be lost or stolen.

#### **Explosive munitions:**

Type	Quantity	Lost/Stolen
9mm	11	Lost
5.56mm	13	Lost
7.62mm	7	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](mailto: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