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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 March 2021 requesting the following information:

*“Please can you provide information concerning the MoD’s buying of loitering munitions?”*

- 1. To date which loitering munitions are held in the possession of the UK armed forces and which are under order?*
- 2. In October 2020 [REDACTED], Commandant of the [REDACTED] posted an image on social media of a Royal Marine holding a UVision Hero. Is there a full acquisition of the loitering munition underway for the service and/or has it tested other systems?*
- 3. Which manufacturer was awarded (and loitering munition acquired under) a contract for ‘Tactical Precision Strike 3: Precision Guided Munition for RN/RM use in the Land and Maritime Environments’ which officially closed on November 30 2020?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and the answers to your questions are as follows:

1. The MOD has recently placed an order for the Switchblade system.
2. No order has been placed for the UVision Hero system; however, the MOD continues to evaluate opportunities for future capability.
3. This requirement was withdrawn and so no contract was awarded

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Yours sincerely

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