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Our Reference:
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Date:
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Dear ██████████,

I am writing about your email of 22 December 2021, requesting the following information:

As a major procurer of mattresses would you be able to supply data on the number of mattresses supplied in 2019, 2020 and 2021 (if available), the number of mattresses disposed of and the end fate of these mattresses (i.e. recycling, energy-from-waste, landfill)?

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested is as follows:

Number of mattresses ordered by year:

2019 – 22,196
2020 – 19,513
2021 – 17,391

Number of mattresses disposed of by year:

2019 – 18,508
2020 – 14,693
2021 – 16,319

Disposal process:

The mattresses are disposed of through a specialist recycling partner under the current contract with Vision Support Services. The recycling partner has a machine that separates the component parts of the mattresses with the steel going for recycling. The wadding, covers, etc are chopped up into small pieces and sent through various channels to be reused (such as in pet beds or equestrian centre floors) or sent to fabric recyclers to be made into other items.

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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,

[Redacted Signature]

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