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Dear Dr [REDACTED]

I am writing about your email of 15 Aug 2023, requesting the following information:

*Are the following small arms/equipment still in British Armed Forces service as of July 2023?*

- a) *L84A3 Red phosphorus smoke screening hand grenade*
- b) *L26A1 Bangalore torpedo demolition charge*
- c) *L1A1 Conical and linear user filled demolition charges*
- d) *L23A1 Plastic explosive (RDX-based)*
- e) *L155A1 Signal smoke hand grenade*

*2) If they are, have any of the listed been upgraded since FY 2021 and if so, which?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

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.

- a) The L84A3 Red phosphorus smoke screening hand grenade has been the current In-Service munition since before 2021.
- b) The L26A1 Bangalore torpedo demolition charge has been the current In-Service munition since before 2021. The Ministry of Defence is introducing the L26A2 which is currently undergoing processes before formally being brought into service.

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- c) The L1A1 Conical and linear user filled demolition charges has been a current In-Service munition since before 2021. The L1A2 was brought into service in 2018 and will be replacing L1A1. The L1A1 and L1A2 are currently In-Service together.
- d) The L23A1 Plastic explosive (RDX-based) has been the current In-Service munition since before 2021.
- e) The L155A1 Signal smoke hand grenade is not part of the British Armed Forces service as of July 2023.

The responses to question 2), asking if the above listed items have been upgraded since FY 2021 has been answered in questions a) to e), where applicable.

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Yours sincerely,

DE&S Policy Secretariat