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Dear Bridget

Thank you for your request of 23 November 2015 asking the following:

“Mr Fallon's letter to Dr Julian Lewis, Chairman of the DSC, of the 21st September 2015, says that Lariam (Mefloquine) makes up a mere 1.2% of the MoD's antimalarial stocks. Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know what constitutes the remaining 98.8%, shown as percentages. i.e. DEET x%, Malarone x%, Doxycycline x% and so on.”

Your enquiry has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) can confirm that it holds information within the scope of your enquiry and this is provided at Annex A.

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 the Headquarters of the Surgeon General 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.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.

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Yours sincerely,

Headquarters of the Surgeon General

Chemoprophylaxis drugs held by the MOD, August 2015, Tablets and Doses for a Six Month Deployment, Percentages

Chemoprophylaxis drug	Tablets in Stock	Doses in Stock for a Six Month Deployment	Dosage
	%	%	
Chloroquine	1.8	10.8	310 mg once weekly
Chloroquine and proguanil (travel pack)	75.5	56.0	310mg chloroquine once weekly; 200mg proguanil once daily
Proguanil	10.5	-	<i>Not prescribed as individual drug; prescribed with Chloroquine (1)</i>
Mefloquine	1.2	14.0	250mg once weekly
Atorvoquone and Proguanil (Malarone)	1.6	3.0	100mg proguanil/250mg atovaquone daily
Doxycycline	9.4	16.2	100mg once daily

Source: Surgeon General's headquarters Stock Audit August 2015

1. Proguanil is not prescribed on its own as malaria chemoprophylaxis, it is prescribed with Chloroquine. Therefore the amount of Chloroquine tablets has been used to calculate doses.