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Please reply to:

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Dear Mr Davis

On 4 June 2010 you asked for "the number of Equipment Failure Reporting System reports that have been lodged in each of the years from 2005 onwards broken down by the different kinds of weapons in operations". On 14 June 2010 you clarified the question as referring to "all guns, rifles and machine guns either hand-held or mounted on tanks, armoured vehicles or aircraft". This is regarded as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Equipment Failure Reporting System (EFRS) only provides information for Land based equipments and does not cover those for Air (or Maritime) platforms. The EFRS is administered through the Failure Reporting, Analysis and Corrective Action System database (FRACAS). For those equipments where an Equipment Failure Report has been received, the number of reports held on the database, for the period 2005 to date, is provided in the attached spreadsheet.

The Equipment Failure Reporting System (EFRS) is the mandated system for equipment users to report failures, such as accidental damage, maintenance related failures and breakdowns. It does not incorporate the results of subsequent investigations and therefore does not differentiate between what might later prove to have been a problem caused by operator error or damage sustained as a result of operations. Nor does this data record the severity of a failure which might have no discernible impact on operational capability or safety.

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 me 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 Head of Corporate Information, 6th 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.

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 the case until the 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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

Tony Dudman

Defence Equipment & Support

Weapon ID	Item_Description	EFRs Received						
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
L007A2	L7A2 GPMG	8	44	53	8	10	12	135
L009A1	PISTOL, 9 MM, AUTOMATIC L9A1 BROWNING		9	1				10
L009A1 DS	PISTOL, 9 MM L9A1 BROWNING DUAL SAFETY		3	12	4			19
L010A1	MORTAR, 51 MILLIMETER, L10A1		1					1
L022A2	RIFLE SA80, 5.56 MM L22A2 SA80K		5		1	1		7
L037A2	L37A2 GPMG	6	11	22	10	2		51
L047A1	PISTOL, 7.65 MM, AUTOMATIC L47A1 WALTHER		1	1				2
L067A4	GUN, RIOT		1					1
L080A1	SUBMACHINE GUN, 9 MILLIMETER		1					1
L085A2	RIFLE SA80 5.56MM L85A2	25	206	115	39	28	12	425
L086A2	RIFLE SA80 LIGHT SUPPORT WEAPON (LSW) 5.56MM L86A2	3	22	5	5	5	1	41
L094A1	MACHINE GUN, CHAIN, 7.62 MILLIMETRE, LONG, L94A1				3			3
L096	RIFLE L96				1	1		2
L096A1	RIFLE L96A1		1					1
L098A1	RIFLE SA80, 5.56 MM L98A1 GP		1					1
L104A1	GUN, RIOT	1						1
L106A1	PISTOL, AUTOMATIC P226K			3	1			4
L110A1	MACHINE GUN, 5.56 MILLIMETER		5	2	4		1	12
L110A2	MACHINE GUN 5.56MM MINIMI L110A2 INC RAIL SIGHT FOR SUSAT & CWS		17	16	17	5	2	57
L111A1	MACHINE GUN, .50 INCH	1	20	8	9	33	10	81
L112A1	L112A1 ARD GPMG		4	9	1	1	1	17
L115A1	RIFLE 0.338IN (8.6MM) L115A1		1					1
L115A3	RIFLE, SNIPER L115A3				13	5	2	20
L119A1	RIFLE (CARBINE) L119A1 NSSA C8		1	2				3
L123A3	RIFLE SA80 UNDERSLUNG GRENADE LAUNCHER (UGL) L123A3		2	9	4			15
L134A1	GRENADE MACHINE GUN		1	1	5	3	1	11

M082A1	RIFLE, SEMI-AUTOMATIC, .50 CALIBRE M82A1 .50 BARRETT				2			2
M224	MORTAR, 60 MILLIMETER		1					1
~	MORTAR, 81 MILLIMETER		1	1				2
~	GRENADE MACHINE GUN, COMPLETE			11	5			16
~	PISTOL, PYROTECHNIC NO4 MK 1/1			1		1		2
~	PISTOL, 9 MM, AUTOMATIC P226	1	2		7	41		51
~	PISTOL, 9 MM, AUTOMATIC P229		3		2			5