



Ministry
of Defence



DE&S Secretariat

DESSec-FOI@mod.gov.uk 

Ms James Jones
request-444054-6cea4358@whatdotheyknow.com

Defence Equipment & Support
Maple 0a #2043
MOD Abbey Wood
Bristol BS34 8JH



Our Reference: FOI2018/13046

Date: 29/10/2018

Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2018 which requested the following information:

I now fully appreciate that cartridges come in box sets of 11, can it be assumed that they are 'keyed' in some way for fitment into the respective breech, or at least colour coded. Schedule simple states "insert into breech" for correct mod state. Also, can you advise me as to how often seat maintenance takes place? I have seen 3 years mentioned, but that seem a long time. Do your records indicate when the seats involved in the 2012 Tornado collision underwent 'on aircraft' maintenance?

I am treating your email as a request for information under the Freedom of Information(FOI) Act 2000. A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in the scope of your request is held.

Each cartridge has an individual part number etched on to it. Additionally, cartridges of different part numbers are of different sizes and shapes which correspond to the fitment location.

Seat maintenance is due every three years. For the four seats involved in the 2012 collision, the seat set for aircraft ZD743 commenced maintenance on 17 February 2011, and the seat set for aircraft ZD812 commenced maintenance on 5 August 2009.

I would be grateful if you could please clarify what information you are requesting regarding 'on aircraft' maintenance.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, Ground 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 your case until the MOD 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,
DE&S Secretariat Parliamentary