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Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2019 which requested the following information:

In earlier correspondence (29/10/2018) you advised me that the servicing periodicity for the MK 10 ejection seat servicing is currently three years. Can you advise me as to when the increase from two years took place, and the reason for doing it.

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 scope of your request is held.

The servicing periodicity for Tornado Type 10 ejection seats and associated components increased from two years to three years in August 2007. This followed a review of aircraft component maintenance lifing and a comprehensive reliability centred maintenance study, the outcomes of which were endorsed by Martin-Baker, as the ejection seat design organisation.

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Yours sincerely,

**DE&S Secretariat Parliamentary**