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Dear Mr Harper

Your correspondence dated 11 February has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. May I please apologise for the delay in responding to you. You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please list the number of items that have gone missing from the Catterick Garrison military base since 2009.

This was then clarified as follows:

Just to clarify essentially I would like information regarding lost and stolen items from the military base since 2009.

I am writing to confirm that we hold information on the subject you have requested. However, it has been assessed that the costs which we will incur in providing this information will exceed the appropriate limit. This appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with your request.

I can confirm that there were 600 items listed as being stolen from Catterick Garrison between January 2009 and December 2012. This figure only lists those items where the cases have been closed between January 2009 and December 2012 and the completed investigations established that items were stolen.

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, 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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