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Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Dear Mr Whyte,

Further to my letter of 16 May 2014, I am writing to provide you with an update on your Freedom of Information request in which you ask for the following information:

'I refer to your reply to my FOI 11-03-2013-114455-007 dated 3 May 2013.

In the 'Bunker' located at ground Zero, or 'Steel Cubes' as they appear to be referred to, could you please inform me as to the purpose of the instruments located within this structure.

I counted at least five or six instruments prior to detonation of the devices detonated during 'Grapple 'Z' but more may have been added after cessation of my duties within this structure.

1. Could you please advise me on the total number of instruments located within the afore mentioned structure on detonation for both Pennant and Burgee atomic detonations?

2. Could you please advise me as to the information being monitored, and recorded, by each of these instruments during both Pennant and Burgee detonations?'

We are nearing completion of your FOI request and anticipate that it will take no longer than 20 working days to conclude. We very much regret that the process is taking longer than originally anticipated, and apologise for the delay. I will write to you again by 9 July 2014 with either a substantive response or a further update on your request.

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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail dessec-polsec@mod.gov.uk).

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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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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