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Dear Mr Roberts

Thank you for your enquiry of 19 March 2019 in which you asked the following:

“You stated before that pertusis was used as an adjuvant for the Anthrax in the Gulf War 1991 and it helped speed up the process.

Q1. Was Pertusis then used alongside the Anthrax on our troops prior to, during or post Operation Telic and Operation Herrick?

Q2 If Pertusis was not administered to our troops in these operations. Why Not?”

Your enquiry has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

A search of relevant records indicates that from at least 1993 onwards, there was no Ministry of Defence (MOD) policy to administer the Anthrax vaccine with a pertussis adjuvant. Records searched do not explain why this was the case.

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Yours sincerely,

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