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### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST PW - 28-05-2012-171155-011 - Cole

Dear Mr Cole,

Thank you for your request for information dated 28 May under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Permanent Joint Headquarters in Northwood is responsible for overseas operations, which is why I have been asked to respond to you.

You asked:

**“I would like to request under the FoI Act information about the release of weapons from British Reaper UAVs in Afghanistan. Can you tell me, for each year since 2008, how many weapons were released from British Reapers UAVs under daily air tasking orders and how many were released under dynamic targeting procedures? Can you also tell me the total number of weapon releases from British Reaper UAVs in Afghanistan to date?”**

Our records show that you previously submitted three requests for information on this subject on 12 Jan 2011, 5 Jan 2012 and 10 Feb 2012 which the Department complied with in its responses of 9 Feb 2011, 23 Jan 2012 and 29 Feb 2012. The Department's position has not changed since those responses and consequently it is not obliged to comply with your current request under the terms of section 14(2) of the Act.

This provision exempts public authorities from complying with requests for identical or substantially similar information which has previously been requested unless a reasonable period has elapsed between the requests. Given the nature of the information in scope of this request, it is unreasonable to expect that the Department's position is likely to change from that advised in our previous responses until at least the end of operations in Afghanistan. The Department will not therefore consider any further requests from you on this subject until then. Should you choose to make a request earlier than this it is likely to go unanswered.

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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 Head of Corporate Information, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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