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Via:

10th November 2018 Our Ref: FOI2018/15464

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 3rd December 2018 requesting the following information:

1. *Could you please supply the details (see below) of the pistols that were trialled as potential replacements for the Browning Hi-power 9mm pistol?*

- a. *Manufacturer,*
- b. *Model designation/ number,*
- c. *Calibre,*
- d. *and quantity of each handgun trialled.*

2. *How many Sig Sauer pistols (P226 and P229) were purchased as an urgent operational requirement for Op HERRICK? Please split the data into NATO designation/ model as detailed below:*

- a. *L105A1*
- b. *L106A1*
- c. *L117A2*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and can be found below.

The information requested in question 1 is as follows:

Manufacturer	Model	Calibre	Quantity trialed
Beretta	PX4	9X19mm parabellum	19
FN Herstal	P9	9X19mm parabellum	19
Glock	17 (Gen 4)	9X19mm parabellum	19
Heckler and Koch	P30	9X19mm parabellum	19
Sig Sauer	P226	9X19mm parabellum	19
Smith & Wesson	M&P9	9X19mm parabellum	19
Steyr	M9A1	9X19mm parabellum	19

The information requested in question 2 is as follows:

- a. L105A1/2 – 9838.
- b. L106A1 – 137.
- c. L117A2 – 2835.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that for question 2, due to the dates of the purchases, some of the contract files had been archived and then destroyed. Therefore, it was not possible to confirm what quantity was purchased specifically as Urgent Operational Requirements. It was also not possible to distinguish L105A1 from L105A2 purchases (i.e. P226) and, therefore, 2.a. includes a combined total.

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Yours sincerely,

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