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Via:

12th December 2018 Our Ref: FOI2018/15730

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 10th December 2018 requesting the following information:

The request relates to the procurement of the Glock G17 9mm pistol / handgun currently in service with the British Armed forces. Following the purchase of the Sig Sauer p226 as an "Urgent operational requirement", further trials were conducted which resulted in the purchase of large quantities of Glock G17 pistols/ handguns in 9 x 19 parabellum.

Please respond to the following:

- 1. Was this trial / procurement processed referred to as "R9GSP"?*
- 2. Please supply the following details of the pistols/ handguns used in the trials:*
 - a. Manufacturer*
 - b. Model designation/ number*
 - c. calibre*
 - d. quantity of each pistol/ handgun trialled.*
- 3. Were any of the models above modified from their factory specification in order to be eligible for the trial? e.g. The addition of a factory-fitted manual safety on the G17.*
- 4. Which company/ importer provided each of the models referred to in question 2? You may add this as an additional column to question 2 for your convenience.*

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 answers to your questions are as follows:

1. Yes.
2. The following table contains the manufacturer, model, calibre, quantity and company/importer:

Manufacturer	Model	Calibre	Quantity trialed	Importer/ Provider
Beretta	PX4	9X19mm parabellum	19	GMK Ltd
FN Herstal	P9	9X19mm parabellum	19	LEI Ltd
Glock	17 (Gen 4)	9X19mm parabellum	19	Viking Arms Ltd
Heckler and Koch	P30	9X19mm parabellum	19	NSAF Ltd
Sig Sauer	P226	9X19mm parabellum	19	Beechwood Equipment
Smith & Wesson	M&P9	9X19mm parabellum	19	Shield Sights Ltd
Steyr	M9A1	9X19mm parabellum	19	Riflecraft Ltd

3. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) did not request any modifications for the trial. The MOD set the requirement and stated the criteria by which it would be tested. Any modification would have been made by the manufacturer in order to meet the requirement.

4. Please refer to the table provided for question 2.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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