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Request for Information

I am replying to the request you made to the MoD on 28 January, in which you said ‘I am writing under the FOI Act and as a concerned citizen of this country to ask how many nuclear bombs belonging to the British armed forces have become unaccounted for in the period 1960-2005. I would also like to know what the estimated total cost of these missing weapons is, where they were lost, whether they were active at the time of disappearance and what plans are ongoing to recover them.’

The answer to your question is that no British nuclear weapons are unaccounted for from any period. It therefore follows that your further questions about costs and other circumstances do not arise.

I hope this is helpful, but if this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then please should contact me in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.

If you are still unhappy 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.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

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