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Via:

Your Reference:

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Date: 14 October 2014

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2014 requesting the following information:

A gentleman in 2012 had requested, via Freedom of Information request, the types of wristwatches issued at that time to UK forces and the quantities of each. Interestingly, the prompt response from DES did not include CWC watches (normal G10 or divers models), rather only two Pulsar (Seiko) models and a Citizen BN0000-04H divers model.

For some time, there has been a great deal of interest online with regard to the watches currently issued to UK soldiers, marines, aircrew, and sailors and, to settle my own curiosity as an avid watch collector, I am wondering if you might be able to provide a more detailed (and updated) response beyond DES' 2012 response (noted here: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/wrist_watches). I am more interested in the variety brands/styles than the quantities issued, as well as any MOD standard for watches currently issued, as well as the accompanying straps.

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

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

The information you have requested regarding current MOD watches remains the same as in the previous FOIA and can be found in the following table:

WATCH	NATO STOCK NUMBER (NSN)	MAKE	MODEL
GENERAL SERVICE	6645-99-605-2627	SEIKO	PXD433
AIRCREW	6645-99-958-4756	SEIKO	PX8307X1
DIVERS	6645-99-852-5953	CITIZEN	BN0000-04H

There is only one strap currently procured (NSN 6645-99-124-2986) which has the description "strap, wrist, instrument, nylon, 1 piece construction, grey with buckle".

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the CWC Divers watch you mention was in service until it became obsolete in 2003. There are no current Defence Standards for watches or straps.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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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