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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Mr Hanna

I refer to your request of 6 October 2017 for information further to the response you received about accidental weapons discharges.

You asked if events such as the death of Gregory McPeake, where a Taser was used and the incident resulted in a fatality, have been included in the data you have been provided.

The answer to your question is no. There was an exemption to the policy that, where death arises proximate to the use of force, there was no requirement to complete a Tactical Options Report, as a separate investigation into an incident would occur. Very recently a change has been made to that policy to ensure that such events are captured and that measures are in place to protect the privacy of people involved.

This also means that in the future we will be able to analyse trends where force is used and death occurs. Currently such data is not available without substantial collation and research.

Yours sincerely

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