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I refer to your request of 23 July 2018, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for a list of incidents involving Scorpion tanks, from the early 1980s until their decommissioning.

Records dating from this time period were largely paper-based, and have been either stored in archives which contain many thousands of documents, or have been destroyed. In addition to this, no single file of incidents involving the *Scorpion* fleet was maintained. Creating a list as requested would require a substantial collation and research effort, and would be unlikely to generate a comprehensive result. Accordingly, your request is declined pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA.

I have considered fixing a charge and extending the timeframe for a response, however neither of these options effectively enable your request to be granted.

Electronic records of fatalities show 4 lives lost in incidents which involved the *Scorpion* during its time in service.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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