

**From:** Dave Preskett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 August 2016 20:43  
**To:** Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme  
**Subject:** EN010072-001867-ExA Request for Further Information under R17

**SENT ON BEHALF OF MR. JEFF TAYLOR, PINS REFERENCE:10031989**

**EN010072-001867-ExA Request for Further Information under R17. Request 8.3 (e).**

Dear Inspector Cowperthwaite,

In response to your request 8.3 (e) in EN010072-001867 dated 26.08.16, I am forwarding to you recent email correspondence between the MoD and myself. Their reply indicates it is unlikely that the full MoD response to my questions will be received before the close of your Examination.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Preskett

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**Subject:**RE: 20160711-EIR06376-Response  
**Date:**Fri, 26 Aug 2016 14:51:49 +0000  
**From:**Air-DRes Sec-ParliBusiness (MULTIUSER) <[Air-DResSec-ParliBusiness@mod.uk](mailto:Air-DResSec-ParliBusiness@mod.uk)>  
**To:**'Dave Preskett' [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Preskett,

Thank you for your email. I fully understand why you would want a response prior to 8 September to inform your submission to the Public Inquiry on 10 September, however a full final response to your questions will not be practicable within this time frame.

If you are able to identify specific questions within the list we are currently working on (attached) that you consider more important than others, we can look to provide a response to these as a priority to meet your deadline for submission. However, there are certain questions that, by their nature, will take more time to answer than others so I am not able to guarantee a response by 8 September, even if the number of questions is reduced.

I hope this is helpful.

Regards,

**Air Command Secretariat**

**From:** Dave Preskett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 August 2016 13:46  
**To:** Air-DRes Sec-ParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** Re: 20160711-EIR06736-Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for email regarding progress and I am grateful for your prompt response.

As you may be aware, the former RAF Llanberis is the subject of a public inquiry into an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to develop part of the site as a pumped storage scheme. I had hoped your final response might be available before the end of the Public Inquiry into the matter, which is the 10th September 2016 although the last date for submissions is two days prior to this.

Could you indicate if your final response is likely to be before this date or after? If it is after this deadline there is little that can be done however the Examining Authority is now requesting if your response to me will be available in time to pass to his Inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Preskett

On 03/08/2016 16:49, Air-DRes Sec-ParliBusiness (MULTIUSER) wrote:  
Dear Dr Preskett,

Thank you for your email. Currently the Explosive Ordnance Disposal subject matter expert who is assisting us with a response is on leave and therefore work on assessing what information the MOD holds within the scope of the questions you asked has been paused. While I hope to resume work on this release on 10 August, as I hope you will understand further progress will depend on to what extent the expert can be released from his core duties to provide input to us.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Regards,

**Air Command Secretariat**

**From:** Dave Preskett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2016 16:23  
**To:** Air-DRes Sec-ParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** Re: 20160711-EIR06736-Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you very much for your email dated 11.07.16.

I fully appreciate and understand the difficulties in collating the relevant documentation and I am most grateful for your disclosure. Although most revealing it however came as little surprise. The designation Y3 as mustard gas is well known but G2 had led me to speculate some months ago that this could indeed be indicative of a G-class nerve agent, given the (public domain) history and the proximity of captured G-weapons in the UK to Llanberis. It does indeed, as you say, lead to further questions but I shall wait until you return with your final response. Please note I have yet to disclose

this information to third parties.

In the meantime and hopefully not at risk of restarting the EIR 20 working day response clock, is it possible for you to indicate at this stage how long your final response is likely to take?

Yours faithfully,

Dave Preskett

On 11/07/2016 17:25, Air-DRes Sec-ParliBusiness (MULTIUSER) wrote:

Dear Dr Preskett,

Please find attached the initial response to your request under the Environmental Information Regulations of 10 June 2016.

Regards,

**Air Command Secretariat**

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Question No.	Question
2	Can the MoD categorically confirm beyond any reasonable doubt whatsoever that no surplus, redundant, contaminated or used equipment associated with the protection from, handling, examination or processing of chemical weapons was ever disposed of at 31 MU Llanberis.
2(i)	Why on one page [of 71MU/4111/3/11/MEA] is Domestos used as a decontamination agent whereas another document, Safety Orders for Pit 2C signed by PJR Bryant on behalf of Superintendent, Technical Chemistry Division, mention is made of a "bleach slurry"? Was this "bleach slurry" super tropical bleach? This time was certainly before the days of "thick" Domestos we are familiar with today.
2(ii)	Where was the Domestos (and bleach slurry obtained from)? No reports of the numerous stores have requests for Domestos or bleach slurry purchases but many others such as large quantities of cement (quite a lot of a very cheap caustic material I note), nails, coal, fuel and so on. From where was Domestos and/or tropical bleach materials supplied from or advice on their deployment obtained?
2(iii)	Why was cement used in such large quantities? No specific document details known, however it is referenced in 3 monthly progress reports, e.g. Annex A of the progress report MC/22260/68/ARM ENG of 17 January 1973
2(iv)	What records does DSTL Porton hold on this matter of the discovery that chemical weapons had been dumped at Llanberis and left contaminated with these in 1975, with no clearance certificate and will they be released in the interests of health and safety in relation to the proposed development or have they already been disclosed to parties as yet unknown? A further example of chemical weapons being handled at Llanberis by 31 MU in 1949 include 'Capsules, lachrymatory' as disclosed in TNA reference AIR 29/1490 (pages 120, 122 and 124).