

documents (MOD042035, MOD041757, MOD041753, MOD028340, MOD028335, MOD028347, MOD041725, MOD042040, MOD042058), before reading them for the purpose of submitting this statement.

46. I have been referred to my letter to Major General Ridgway dated 24 October 2003 directing him to review UK military doctrine and practice for prisoner handling, tactical questioning and interrogation (MOD022203) and his response (MOD030342). I am not aware of the steps that Major General Ridgway subsequently took. Having directed him to review the doctrine and practice, it was not for me to ensure that he completed the task (and I have no reason to suspect that he would not complete the task).
47. I do not recall whether or not I gave an additional specific direction to ensure that the doctrine and practice for prisoner handling was reviewed and updated (as distinct from tactical questioning and interrogation training that fell within Major General Ridgway's remit). However, Major General Ridgway's response to my direction was copied to DCDS (C) who has responsibility for prisoner handling and I would have expected him to take forward my request for a review in this area.
48. I am not in a position to assist the Inquiry in relation to any concerns in September 2005 about the adequacy of the doctrine for prisoner handling, tactical questioning and interrogation. I left my post, as stated above, at the end of 23 July 2004.

### **Media reports**

49. I have not, to the best of my recollection, ever given an account of matters relevant to the Inquiry's terms of reference to the press / media, or given any evidence on such matters otherwise. I gave evidence to the Iraq Inquiry on 15 January 2010, but that was concerned with high-level strategic issues relating to the commencement of the Iraq war.