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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 18 February 2015 requesting the following information:

I would like to know the current, 2015, RAF Tornado GR4 pilot training pipeline detailing the length of time (in weeks and flight hours were applicable) for each phase of training i.e. IOT, EFT, BFJT, AFJT and Tornado OCU.

For AFJT, how much longer will the Hawk T1 be used in tandem with the T2?

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 information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is shown in the table below.

RAF Flying Training 2015	
Initial Officer Training	36 Weeks
Elementary Flying Training	28-31 Weeks - 56 Hours Flying
Basic Fast Jet Training	42 Weeks - 124 Hours Flying
Advanced Jet Training	54 Weeks - 105 Hours Flying
Tornado GR4 Operational Conversion Unit	34 Weeks - 69 Hours Flying

RAF pilots are currently training on both the Hawk T1 and Hawk T2 in tandem. Personnel will continue to train on the Hawk T1 until early 2016 when the final course using this aircraft will be completed. The Hawk T1 will continue to be used for training International Defence Students until December 2017.

As you have identified, the information about flying training currently displayed on the RAF internet is out of date. This has been brought to the attention of the appropriate department and will be amended at the earliest opportunity.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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