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Ref: FOI 2015/03877

Mr [REDACTED]

E mail: [REDACTED]

17 April 2015

Dear Mr [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2015 in which you made the following request:

Full detail under a FOI request what and why does a small aircraft fly low over Lincoln most days. It seems to spend up to about 6 hours flying around in a big circle. Why.

I am treating this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) does not hold information within the scope of your request.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held.

You may find it helpful to know that the Information Commissioner's Office publishes guidance on how to make requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act, which can be found at the following email address:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to be aware that if you are disturbed by military aircraft you can pass the details of the overflight, with the date, location and approximate time, to the responsible Ministry of Defence officials who will investigate the activity. They can be contacted on 0845 600 7580, or at: Ministry of Defence Air Staff

Complaints and Enquiries Unit, Low Flying Operations Squadron, RAF Wittering, Peterborough, PE8 6HB. Their email address is CAS-lowflying@mod.uk.

The MOD takes its responsibilities to the general public very seriously indeed and low flying restrictions apply to major built-up areas with a population of over 10,000.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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