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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 23 March 2015 requesting the following information:

The voluntary outflow (or PVR) rates year-on-year from 2005 to present for RAF personnel in trade groups 1 and 2 (Aircraft Tech M and A Tech Av) and the numbers of personnel in those trades for those years. I also understand that Trade group 2 has now merged with trade group 1, what year did this occur?

Your request has been considered to be a request under the terms of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The attached document contains the voluntary outflow rates from 2005 to present for RAF personnel in trade groups 1 and 2, and the numbers of personnel in those trades for those years.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, I can advise you that the decision to merge Trade Group 2 with Trade Group 1, creating a single Aircraft Engineering Trade Group, was made on 1 April 2003. Personnel were assimilated into the Group through a structured training programme, which was completed by 31 Mar 2009.

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 this office 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, 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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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,

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