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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2015 asking for details of Typhoon aircraft in the sustainment fleet. You requested the following information:

*"With regard to the other three Typhoons that have not been assessed for return to flight (ZJ945, ZJ948, ZJ326), is it possible that such an assessment may take place in the future? I suppose that, with these being Tranche 2 aircraft, they're likely to be in service longer than the other two currently under assessment?"*

*Finally, with regard to the wider Sustainment Fleet, are there other Typhoons currently in storage which are not being used for spare parts? If so, which ones are they?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that Typhoons ZJ945, ZJ948 and ZJ326 will be assessed by BAE Systems to see what would be required to return them to flight. The current planned out of service date for Typhoon Tranche 1 aircraft is 31 March 2019 and for Tranche 2 aircraft is 31 March 2030.

The following Typhoon aircraft are in storage but not being used for spare parts.

ZK357	ZK360	ZK363	ZK366
ZK358	ZK361	ZK364	ZK367
ZK359	ZK362	ZK365	ZK369

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Yours sincerely

  
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