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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 06 March 2019 concerning disposal of Tornado GR4 airframes. It has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

The information you have requested is provided below:

“Can you kindly provide an update on the fate of the following airframes (be it preservation or scrapping), including serviceable jets and those recently withdrawn from use:

**ZA463/028
ZA542/035
ZA553/045
ZA587/055
ZA601/066
ZA613/075
ZA614/076
ZD716/084
ZD744/092
ZD848/109
ZG752/129
ZG771/133
ZG775/134
ZG791/137**

**ZA449/020 (withdrawn from use, noted under tow last Thursday, February 28th)
ZA473/032 (withdrawn from use)
ZA546/038 (withdrawn from use)
ZA556/047 (withdrawn from use)
ZA591/058 (withdrawn from use)
ZA597/063 (withdrawn from use)
ZA611/073 (withdrawn from use)
ZD792/100 (withdrawn from use)**

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Can you please confirm if the following airframes have been disposed of as scrap:

**ZA462/027
ZA543/036**

Can you please confirm the whereabouts/fate of the following Tornado GR1 cockpit section, which was last noted as being at RAF Marham for ground instruction:

ZA360

Finally, can you confirm the whereabouts/fate of two airframes previously used for trials work by BAE Systems:

**ZG773 (last seen on Horse Guards Parade during the RAF 100 celebrations)
ZA411 (last noted in storage at Warton Airfield)"**

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds information relevant to your request.

The following information provides the requested status of the first series of airframes:

ZA463/028	planned disposal May 2019
ZA542/035	planned disposal July 2019
ZA553/045	planned disposal July 2019
ZA587/055	planned to be retained at RAF Honington
ZA601/066	planned disposal May 2019
ZA613/075	planned to be retained at RAF Honington
ZA614/076	planned to be retained at RAF Marham Ops
ZD716/084	planned disposal May 2019
ZD744/092	planned to be retained at RAF Honington
ZD848/109	planned disposal May 2019
ZG752/129	planned to be retained at RAF Honington
ZG771/133	planned to be retained at Ulster Aviation Society
ZG775/134	planned disposal April 2019
ZG791/137	planned disposal July 2019

The following information provides the requested status on the second series of airframes:

ZA449/020	Scrapped
ZA473/032	RTP Marham May 2018
ZA546/038	Scrapped
ZA556/047	planned to be retained at Shrivenham
ZA591/058	Scrapped
ZA597/063	planned disposal April 2019
ZA611/073	RTP Marham February 2018
ZD792/100	RTP Marham August 2018

The following airframes were processed through RTP:

ZA462/027	Scrapped
ZA543/036	RTP December 2018

We do not hold information in respect of the whereabouts of the front cockpit section of ZA360, which was scrapped in 2002, and I have not been able to establish the final status of the two airframes used by BAE Systems.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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

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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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely


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