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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 1 July 2019 asking for information about flying hours. You requested the following information:

"To request the flying hours, by MoD fleet, are provided for the following aircraft for the fiscal year 2018-19:

1. Typhoon
2. F-35B
3. C-130J
4. C17
5. A400M
6. E-3 Sentry
7. R-1 Sentinel
8. Hawk (trainer)
9. Chinook
10. Apache
11. Merlin Mk2
12. Merlin Mk3/4
13. RN Lynx Wildcat
14. AAC Lynx Wildcat

Further, I request that the annual flying rates for the Rivet Joint fleet be provided since it entered service."

I am treating your correspondence as requests 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. Flying hours for Financial Year 2018/19 are given in the table below:

Aircraft	Flying Hours 2018-19
Typhoon	20,500
F-35 Lightning	1,660
Hercules (C-130J)	7,460
Globemaster (C-17)	6,380
Atlas (A400M)	5,480
Sentry	780
Sentinel	1,540
Rivet Joint RC-135W	620
Hawk T1	7,100
Hawk T2	5,660
Chinook	10,530
Apache	9,170
Merlin Mk2	4,940
Merlin HC3/Mk4	3,520
Puma	4,600
Wildcat (Royal Navy)	5,050
Wildcat (Army Air Corps)	5,260

Figures are rounded to the nearest 10

Flying hours by Financial Year for the Rivet Joint RC-135W fleet since it entered service in May 2014 are given below:

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
520	750	490	510	620

Figures are rounded to the nearest 10

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely


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