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Thank you for your e-mail of 28 November 2019 about aircraft numbers. You have requested the following information:

".....please provide details of all RAF, AAC and RN aircraft currently in the forward fleet and in the sustainment fleet?

I am aware that a similar request was lodged in early 2018, however I was wondering if more up to date information could be made available as the fleet has changed in composition since then."

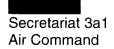
I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and is provided at Annex. With the exception of Voyager, the figures exclude civilian or contractor owned or operated fleets.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours faithfully



## Aircraft Numbers as at 1 December 2019

| Fixed Wing             |                |                  |                      |              |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                        | Service        | Forward<br>Fleet | Sustainment<br>Fleet | <u>Total</u> |
| Atlas (A400M)          | RAF            | 13               | 7                    | 20           |
| BAE 146                | RAF            | 4                | 0                    | 4            |
| C-17 Globemaster       | RAF            | 6                | 2                    | 8            |
| Defender               | RAF            | 6                | 3                    | 9            |
| Hawk T1                | RAF/Royal Navy | 37               | 33                   | 70           |
| Hawk T2                | RAF            | 21               | 7                    | 28           |
| Hercules C-130J        | RAF            | 9                | 5                    | 14           |
| Islander               | RAF            | 1                | 2                    | 3            |
| F-35 Lightning         | RAF            | 18               | 0                    | 18           |
| Poseidon               | RAF            | 1                | 0                    | 1            |
| Reaper                 | RAF            | 7                | 3                    | 10           |
| Rivet Joint RC-135W    | RAF            | 2                | 1                    | 3            |
| Sentinel               | RAF            | 2                | 3                    | 5            |
| Sentry                 | RAF            | 3                | 1                    | 4            |
| Shadow/King Air        | RAF            | 4                | 4                    | 8            |
| Typhoon                | RAF            | 98               | 42                   | 140          |
| Viking*                | RAF            | -                | -                    | 81           |
| Voyager                | RAF            | 8                | 2                    | 10           |
| Rotary                 |                |                  |                      |              |
|                        | Service        | Forward<br>Fleet | Sustainment<br>Fleet | Total        |
| Chinook (All Variants) | RAF            | 41               | 19                   | 60           |
| Puma                   | RAF            | 16               | 7                    | 23           |
| Leonardo Grand New     | RAF            | 1                | 0                    | 1            |
| Dauphin                | Royal Navy     | 2                | 0                    | 2            |
| Wildcat HMA            | Royal Navy     | 19               | 9                    | 28           |
| Merlin Mk2             | Royal Navy     | 18               | 12                   | 30           |
| Merlin Mk3/4/4A        | Royal Navy     | 15               | 10                   | 25           |
| Apache                 | Army           | 42               | 8                    | 50           |
| Gazelle AH1            | Army           | 19               | 13                   | 32           |
| Wildcat AH             | Army           | 24               | 10                   | 34           |

<sup>\*</sup>The MOD does not differentiate between Forward and Sustainment Fleets for the Viking glider