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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 15 January 2020 requesting the following information:

“Deputy Commander Air Marshal Turner posted the following on his twitter account:

<https://twitter.com/AndrewTurnerRAF/status/1216856631180513280>

- 1) Can you clarify the organisation he mentioned - which groups fall under 'Ops' - I presume that is DCom Operation Air Marshal Mayhew - and which groups fall under under DCOM Personnel now?
- 2) Can you clarify what he meant by COS - the last MOD organisation charts did not mention it. Can you name the various COS in Air Command?”

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.

- 1) Can you clarify the organisation he mentioned - which groups fall under 'Ops' - I presume that is DCom Operation Air Marshal Mayhew - and which groups fall under DCOM Personnel now?

I can confirm that the reference to 'Ops' is Deputy Commander Operations. The term DCOM Personnel is not recognised. However, under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) it may be useful for you to know that there are five Air Officers Commanding (AOCs). The five which fall within the remit of the tweet are: AOC 1 Group (Gp), AOC 2 Gp, AOC 11 Gp, AOC 22 Gp and AOC 38 Gp.

- 2) Can you clarify what he meant by COS - the last MOD organisation charts did not mention it. Can you name the various COS in Air Command?

COS refers to the 2-Star (Air Vice Marshal) Chief(s) of Staff. There are four Chiefs of staff at 2-star level:

- COS Personnel
- COS Capability
- COS Training
- COS Support

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Yours Sincerely,

[Original signed]

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