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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 17 December 2015, requesting the following information:

- 1. Is this related to the foremost level of Flying Pay previously received by the individual or is it a particular rate in the Pay and Allowances table?*
- 2. Non qualified RAF Aircrew would appear in a different position were they to be so employed.*
- 3. WO/SNCO aircrew are assumed to be eligible and included?*
- 4. Maximum Flying Hours in a certain time frame also apply?*
- 5. Reaper hours count a solo/dual/crew hours in the calculation of total hours flown in the RAF Logbook?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. Please find below the responses to your request:

1. RAF Reaper aircrew receive the Recruitment Retention Payment (Flying) in accordance with extant published rates endorsed by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body.
2. No information is held. Section 1 of the FOI Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made. It does not require public authorities to provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held.
3. Eligible WO/SNCO aircrew receive the Recruitment Retention Payment (Flying).

4. Reaper aircrew flying hours are within set timeframes and are governed by the orders and regulations that set out crew duty hours and maximum flying hours.

5. Flying hours are logged in the Logbook in accordance with established orders. For example pilots log Captain hours or first pilot hours as appropriate, and Sensor Operators log crew hours in the same way as other RAF Weapon System Operators

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 this office 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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st 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 made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

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