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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 April 2017 regarding flight hours flown. You requested:

*"We are writing to request the release of information under the UK Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). We request the release of the flight hours flown in fiscal years 14/15 and 15/16 by the following fleets of British military aircraft:*

1. Airbus A330 MRTT
2. Leonardo AW101-400 series
3. Leonardo AW101 Merlin HC4/4A (Mk4/4A)
4. Leonardo AW101 Merlin Mk2
5. Short Brothers Tucano
6. Grob G115E
7. Grob Vigilant T1
8. Airbus A400M
9. Airbus AS.350BB
10. Bell 412 HT1
11. Bell 412 HAR.2
12. Leonardo SA-341B AH1
13. Airbus AS.365N2

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

Flying hours, rounded to the nearest ten, are given in the table below.

Description	Fiscal Year 14/15 Flight Hours Flown	Fiscal Year 15/16 Flight Hours Flown
Airbus A330 MRTT	14,580	15,030
Leonardo AW10-400 series	4,160	3,240
Leonardo AW101 Merlin AC4/4A (Mk4/4A)	---	---

Leonardo AW101 Merlin Mk2	6,150	5,420
Short Brothers Tucano	7,620	6,930
Grob G115E	30,570	31,430
Grob Vigilant T1	660	670
Airbus A400M	280	2,090
Airbus AS.350BB	17,250	17,890
Bell 412 HT1	5,320	5,200
Bell 412 HAR.2	990	1090
Leonardo SA-341B AH1	4,010	4,020
Airbus AS.365N2	460	460

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act – Advice and Assistance, you may wish to note that the Leonardo AW101 Merlin AC4/4A (Mk4/4A) aircraft is not in service until Mar 2018.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 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 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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