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Dear [redacted]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 7 August 2014 requesting information on the sale of Sea Harriers FA.2 and pilots in the Royal Navy.

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds some of the information that you have requested, taking your questions in turn:

Q1. UK Sale of Sea Harriers FA.2 removed from UK service: I would like to know who received these aircraft when they left UK MOD/RN ownership.

A1.

Table with 2 columns: Organization Name, Date. Rows include GD Metals, Aerospace Logistics, Cronifer, etc.

Everett Engineers	Apr 2010 (FA.2)
GD Metals	Apr 2006 (T Mk 8)
Aerospace Logistics	Oct 2005 (FA.2)
Cronifer	Mar 2005 (FA.2)
Aerospace Logistics	Nov 2005 (FA.2)
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Witham	Nov 2005 (FA.2)
Aerospace Logistics	Nov 2005 (FA.2)
GD Metals	Feb 2007 (T Mk 8)
GJD Services	Sept 2005 (FA.2)
Witham	Nov 2005 (FA.2)
Aerospace Logistics	Oct 2005 (FA.2)
Metal & Waste	Jul 2004 (FA.2)
GJD Services	Sept 2005 (FA.2)
Everett	Sept 2005 (FA.2)
Witham	Nov 2005 (FA.2)
GJD Services	Oct 2005 (FA.2)
Everett	Feb 2006 (FA.2)
Everett Engineers	Oct 2008 (FA.2)
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**Notes:**

The Harrier T Mk 8 is a two-seater training version of the Sea Harrier.

The personal information for two of the recipients of FA.2 aircraft has been withheld under section 40(2) of the FOI Act (personal data). Section 40(2) applies to personal data relating to third parties. The release of personal information relating to other individuals would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998, namely Principle 1 – personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and not unless certain specified conditions are met, and Principle 2 – personal data shall be obtained and processed only for specified and lawful purposes and not further processed in a manner incompatible with the purposes.

**Q2.** For the years 1991 and 1992 could you tell me the following:

- a. How many applications were received for the position of Pilot in the Royal Navy?
- b. How many of these applications attended the final selection procedure (AIB)?
- c. How many of these applications passed the AIB?
- d. How many of these applications started pilot training in the Royal Navy?
- e. How many of these applications successfully completed their pilot training?
- f. How many of these successful applications were assigned to fly the Sea Harrier?

**A2.** Regrettably, the Department does no longer holds the information specified in question 2 of your request, however, the following repository of historic naval information may hold the information you seek:

Fleet Air Arm Museum

Website: <http://www.fleetairarm.com/>

Post: Fleet Air Arm Museum, RNAS Yeovilton, Ilchester, Somerset, BA22 8HT UK

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-

mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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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