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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of of 24 May 2014 requesting the following figures for the SAR base, RNAS Culdrose:

- “1. Number of British military downed aircraft crew rescued.
- 2 .Number of foreign downed aircraft crew rescued 3. Number of British merchant ship crews rescued.
- 4. Number of foreign merchant ship crews rescued 5. Number of holidaymakers rescued.

"Rescued" can also cover attended.”

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

I can confirm that information regarding the Culdrose SAR flight is available, and though not collated in the categories requested, broad statistics are published in the National Statistics document available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/military-search-and-rescue-annual-2013>

The Ministry of Defence is permitted to withhold information where an exemption is considered justifiable. As the information you requested is already available to the public we have assessed your request falls under the absolute exemption at section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means – of the Act. Consequently, we are not obliged to provide you with the information.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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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