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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 October 2014 requesting information on pilot grading for 727 Squadron over the past two years. 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 the information you requested and taking your questions in turn:

Q1. How many pilot candidates have undergone pilot grading with 727 Sq. over the past 2 years?

A1. 42 pilots have undergone grading with 727 Squadron.

Q2. How many pilot candidates passed pilot grading in the past 2 years?

A2. 40* passed pilot grading with 727 Squadron.

*To clarify this data manpower statistics are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded up.

Q3. How many flying grading courses are held by 727 Sq. each year?

A3. There are either 4 or 5 courses per year.

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Yours sincerely

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