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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 June 2014 asking for information about Typhoon aircraft held by the RAF and in particular the fuselage of Typhoon ZJ943.

You requested the following information:

I would like to know how many Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft in the RAF inventory have not flown since delivery from the BAE factory at Warton?

I would also like to know how many RAF aircraft are currently in storage, either complete or in a (semi) dismantled state, providing parts to other jets?

These aircraft will likely comprise those that haven't flown since delivery as well as others than have flown but are currently in storage. Can you please tell me when these aircraft last flew (assuming they have flown since delivery)?

I would also like to know the serial numbers of all of these stored jets (both those that haven't flown since delivery and those that have but are now in storage).

Could you please also tell me whether these jets will fly again in the future, and whether any of these 'hangar queens' are in use for ground instructional purposes, despite being airworthy, or are simply in storage?

Finally, would you please tell me what the damaged fuselage of Typhoon ZJ943, which crash-landed at China Lake in 2008, is used for, if anything, and where it is currently located?

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. For ease of presentation I have extracted relevant details from recorded information and placed it in the table below.

Serial No.	In Sustainability Fleet	Flown Since Delivery?	Providing Parts	Date of Last Flight	Used for Ground Instruction	Planned for Future Flight
ZJ940	Yes	No	Yes	20/09/07	No	Under Assessment
ZJ948	Yes	No	Yes	08/01/09	No	Under Assessment
ZJ945	Yes	Yes	Yes	22/09/09	No	Under Assessment
ZJ326	Yes	Yes	Yes	19/06/13	No	Under Assessment

The remains of Typhoon ZJ943 are currently stored at RAF Coningsby awaiting disposal. However, some parts have been loaned to the Bloodhound SSC Project as part of the Department's support for both that project and wider work to encourage engineering as a career path for young people.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note we have interpreted "storage" to refer to long term storage where only anti-deterioration maintenance is being undertaken. We have no Typhoon aircraft in this category, however, we have indicated where aircraft are held in the sustainability fleet and are designated as air frames that can donate spare parts to other aircraft in the Typhoon fleet. BAE systems have been asked to assess the amount of work required to recover them to flight condition.

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Yours sincerely,


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