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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 29 September in which you requested the following information:

I'm currently working on a project for which I'm trying to find out how many females hold the ranking of Air Vice Marshal in the RAF (out of how many Air Vice Marshal posts in total) and how many hold the post of Commander in the Royal Navy (xx females out of xx total) as of this month. I have looked over the published statistics and am not able to find a breakdown of these details. I'd be very grateful of your advice.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that information is held which falls within the scope of your request.

In the Royal Navy, 51 females currently hold the rank of Commander out of 958 Regular Commander posts.

In the Royal Air Force, two females currently hold the rank of Air Vice Marshal (AVM) in the RAF out of a total of 22 commissioned AVM posts.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat