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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your e-mail of 15 November 2014 asking for information about aircraft serviceability.

You requested the following information:

*"...details of the serviceability of the RAF's aircraft fleet.*

*I would like numbers for the forward fleet, depth fleet and the percentage of forward fleet availability for Typhoon, Tornado, Sentinel, C17-A, C130J and TriStar."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am writing to confirm that MOD holds some information on the subject you have requested. Numbers of aircraft in the depth and forward fleets for the aircraft requested are given in the table below together with the percentage availability for the forward fleet.

Fleet availability figures for Typhoon, Tornado and Sentinel are as at 3 December 2014. Given the small size of the Sentinel fleet, percentage availability rates can vary quite considerably over a very short time period. Figures for the C17A and C-130J are average figures for the month of November 2014. Information on TriStar is not included as the aircraft has left RAF service.

<b>Aircraft Type</b>	<b>No. of aircraft in Depth Fleet</b>	<b>No. of aircraft in Forward Fleet</b>	<b>% availability for Forward Fleet</b>
Typhoon	33	90	43%
Tornado	44	58	50%
Sentinel	2	3	33%
C-17A	1	7	88%
C-130J	4	20	83%

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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