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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3rd February 2015 requesting the following information:

- “i) The number of female personnel designated as pilot and currently acting as such in the RAF;*
 - ii) The number of female personnel designated as pilot and currently acting as such in the Army;*
 - iii) The number of female personnel designated as pilot and currently acting as such in the Royal Navy;*
 - iv) The total number of female personnel designated as pilot in the RAF;*
 - v) The total number of female personnel designated as pilot in the Army;*
 - vi) The total number of female personnel designated as pilot in the Royal Navy.*
- And all of the above for the preceding whole year, to allow a year-on-year comparison.”*

We are 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 within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

We are able to identify the total number of female personnel who are designated to be a pilot in each of the Services but unable to make any additional distinction between those who are currently acting as a pilot and those who are designated but not currently acting as a pilot.

Using information from the Joint Personnel Administration system, Defence Statistics can identify that as at 1 December 2014 there were **60 female pilots** in the RAF and as at 1 December 2013 there were **50 female pilots** in the RAF.

Using information supplied by the Army Air Corps, there were **20 female pilots** in the Army as at 1 February 2015 and **20 female pilots** as at the 1 May 2014.

Using information from the Joint Personnel Administration system, Defence Statistics can identify that as at 1 December 2014 there were **10 female pilots** in the **Royal Navy / Royal Marines** and as at 1 December 2013 there were **10 female pilots** in the Royal Navy / Royal Marines.

Please note that figures have been rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in “5” have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

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, 1st 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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