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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 9 February 2016 requesting the following information:

"A list of all Defence Contractor Flying Organisations that are currently approved under the Contractor Flying Approved Organizations Scheme (CFAOS) and details of approved aircraft types and scope of activity associated with the current CFAOS approved organisations."

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 within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all information, in scope of your request is held. The table below shows CFAOS approved organizations along with details of approved aircraft and scope of activity:

CFAOS Approved Organizations		
Organization	Aircraft Type	Approved Aviation Activity
AgustaWestland Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apache • AW101 • EH101/Merlin • Chinook • Gazelle • Lynx • Super Lynx • AW159/Wildcat • Sea King 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
Airbus Defence & Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voyager KC Mk2 & Mk3 • A400M Atlas • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
Airbus Helicopters UK Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puma • Dauphin N3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
BAES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typhoon , all Mks • Tornado, all Mks • Hawk, all Mks • Bae 146, all Mks • Taranis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
The Boeing Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C17 – Globemaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinook, all Mks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
Britten-Norman Aircraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defender, all Mks • Islander, all Mks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
Castle Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW109 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Test Flying
Hawker Hunter Aviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawker Hunter, Mk58, MkT8B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
Marshall Aerospace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hercules Mk4 & 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
QinetiQ Aerial Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirach 100/5 • MDS Banshee • MDS Voodoo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
Raytheon Systems Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentinel R Mk1 • Shadow R Mk1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
Thales UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watchkeeper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Flying • Non-Test Flying • Test Support Flying
Vector Aerospace International Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinook HC, Mk 2/2A/3/4 • Lynx AH Mk7/9/9A, HAS, Mk3/8 • Sea King HAR, Mk3/3A, HC Mk4, ASCA Mk7, HU Mk5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Test Flying

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that further information about CFAOS responsibilities can be found in the Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Article (RA) 1028: Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS) responsibilities at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulatory-article-ra-1028-contractor-flying-approved-organization-scheme-cfaos-responsibilities>

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.

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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