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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email dated 24 June 2015 requesting the following information:

I wish to know how many RAF Officers of Group Captain rank and above are currently in receipt of flying pay. Please break the information in ranks, eg 10 group captains, 6 air vice Marshall etc.

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

Below are the numbers of RAF Officers of Group Captain rank and above currently in receipt of Recruitment and Retention Payment (Flying), which is also known as 'Flying Pay':

Air Marshal	Air Vice-Marshal	Air Commodore	Group Captain
0	0	30	100

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data have been rounded to the nearest 10, where "0" denotes zero and "~" denotes a number less than or equal to 5. When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to know that ranks of Air Vice-Marshal and above are not entitled to claim flying pay.

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 this office 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, www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely
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