



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 January 2016 asking for information about aircraft movements at RAF Northolt.

You requested the following information:

*".....I ask you to provide the following information from the military operational control personnel at Northolt Airport and the records of Northolt Jet Company and any other relevant records:*

*Number of military and other national services aircraft movements (departures and arrivals) for period Jan 1 - Dec 31 2015*

*Number of commercial aircraft movements (departures and arrivals) for period Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2015.*

*Number of movements (arrivals and departures) of aircraft of 100 seat capacity for period Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2015."*

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

<b>Category of Aircraft</b>	<b>No. of Movements 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2015</b>
Military	4009
Non-Commercial Civil	310
Commercial Civil	9910
London Air Ambulance	702
Aircraft with a capacity of 100 Passengers plus	0

Non-commercial civil aircraft includes civil registered aircraft used for such purposes as Royal and British Government charters, visiting Heads of State and Government officials. London Air Ambulance movements are shown separately. Each take-off and each landing is recorded as a separate single movement (i.e. if an aircraft lands and later takes off again, it is recorded as two movements.)

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to note that commercial civil aircraft are restricted to aircraft of 30 passengers or less. You may also wish to note aircraft movement numbers for RAF Northolt dating back to 2010 can be found at the following links:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-10-09/10882/>

[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130905/text/130905w0002.htm#130905w0002.htm\\_wqn18](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130905/text/130905w0002.htm#130905w0002.htm_wqn18)

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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