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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 4 August 2015 asking for details of Typhoon aircraft in the sustainment fleet. You requested the following information:

"Last year you responded to a Freedom of Information request regarding the Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft currently in the sustainment fleet of the TMF. These are aircraft: ZJ940, ZJ945, ZJ948 and ZJ326. I have a few follow on questions and wondered if you could possibly help (if I need to file a new request for these, please let me know):

- 1). *Are these aircraft still stored as part of the sustainment fleet?*
- 2). *Have any other Typhoon aircraft joined them (if so, what are their serial numbers)?*
- 3). *Are they still under assessment for return to flight?*
- 4). *If so, do you know when that may be?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

I have worked on the assumption that your request relates to Typhoon aircraft being utilised for spare parts. If your request covers the wider Typhoon sustainment fleet, please let me know. I can confirm that the following aircraft are stored as part of the sustainment fleet and being utilised for spare parts:


ZJ940
ZJ945
ZJ948
ZJ326
ZJ922

No firm decision has been made on the date for the above aircraft to be returned to flight. However, Typhoons ZJ922 and ZJ940 have been assessed by BAE Systems to see if they can be returned to flight and a feasibility study is underway to determine when that could happen.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely


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