



Ministry of Defence



Ref. [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

20 October 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2015 where you requested the following information;

I would like to know that I am not being unfairly treated and as such make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1. A breakdown of attendances on Squadron Parade Nights of all uniformed staff in No 1 Welsh Wing (not by name or squadron number as this would breach the Data Protection Act) between 01 July 2014 and 30 June 2015. I am very confident that there are a number of uniformed staff in the Wing who do not meet the levels of attendance you expect of uniformed staff.*
- 2. Please provide me with the exact quotation and wording where there is a mandatory minimum requirement for squadron attendance, not the expectation, as this does not legally imply a mandatory requirement as well as how the term of volunteer is given allowance.*
- 3. Provide a numerical value of the number of staff terminated for expiration of service in 1WW since 01 July 2011*
- 4. Provide a numerical value for the number of staff whose service has been extended in Wales & West Region beyond their termination date yet had their extensions backdated to the start of their new period of extension had they not have gone beyond their expiry date over the last 5 years.*

5. Provide a breakdown of cadet contact hours of No1 WW WSO's evidencing that WSO's are also required to maintain a minimum period of attendance between the periods of 01 July 2014 and 30 June 2015

I trust that this information will be provided within the 20 days as stipulated by the UK Government website:

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search for the information you requested has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. No information is held within scope of questions two and five. The information you have requested is below and attached.

1. The attached document contains the recorded attendances of all uniformed staff in No 1 Welsh Wing at Squadron Parade nights from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.
3. Information prior to 1 January 2013 is not held. From 1 January 2013, the service of 40 staff ended as they failed to extend it and thus were relinquished in accordance with the Air Cadet Organisation (ACO) Regulations.
4. Zero staff have had their Service extended in Wales and West Region beyond their termination date yet had their extensions backdated to the start of their new period of extension. In accordance with Section 16 of the FOI Act (the duty to provide advice and assistance), please note that once a period of service has been ended on the ACO Head Quarters system, it can not be reversed. If a staff member wishes to rejoin the service, they are required to reapply.

In respect of question 2 and under Section 16 of the Act, you may wish to be aware that Air Cadet Publication 20 Personnel Instruction 202, paragraph 7 states *'Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training Branch) (RAFVR(T)) Officers are expected to attend for not fewer than 12 hours in any one calendar month on official and semi-official Air Cadet Organisation (ACO) activities. For RAFVR(T) Officers on Volunteer Gliding Squadrons (VGSs) this is interpreted as at least 2 days in any one calendar month.'*

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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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Person	NoOfAttendances
1	92
2	88
3	84
4	90
5	94
6	104
7	96
8	18
9	45
10	100
11	100
12	39
13	99
14	100
15	103
16	91
17	91
18	87
19	78
20	93
21	95
22	65
23	101
24	75
25	99
26	95
27	77
28	82
29	98
30	81
31	99
32	43
33	95
34	97
35	85
36	96
37	87
38	89
39	103
40	76
41	78
42	98
43	65
44	96
45	98
46	44
47	83
48	103
49	56

Register dates from 01 July 2014 - 30 June 2015

All Adult SNCO & VRT

50	94
51	61
52	104
53	96
54	73
55	100
56	103
57	79
58	97
59	89
60	95
61	40
62	102
63	95
64	85
65	96
66	96
67	93
68	65
69	86
70	90
71	37
72	61
73	80
74	103
75	98
76	102
77	33
78	108
79	94