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Email: [REDACTED]

19 April 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 March 2016 requesting the following information:

Details of the total number of RAF TG4 early termination applications that have been submitted since January 2012 that cited the RAF AIP issue as a contributing factor to leaving. This may include references to the audit carried out, or the appeals process. Could you also let me know what precedence individuals gave when citing the RAF AIP issue as a reason i.e. 1, 2, 3 or 4

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 information in scope of your request is held.

RAF records show that since January 2012 five or fewer applications for Early Termination were submitted where Accelerated Incremental Payments (AIP) was specified as one of the reasons for wishing to leave the Service. Information on the precedence given by individuals applying for Early Termination citing AIP as the reason is withheld under Section 40 – Information which is personal data whose release is governed by the Data Protection Act.

It may be useful for you to know that in order for an applicant to specify a reason they must select 'other' from the list of options on the Joint Personnel Administration system. They will then be presented with a free text box to articulate their reason. 'Other' is last in the list of options available therefore, if additional options are selected it is likely that 'other' will be last on the list of reasons provided.

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, 2nd 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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