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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail 29 November 2016 of asking for information about Restricted Airspace (Temporary). You requested the following information:

*"My understanding from the CAA is that they deal only with RA(T)s for civil aircraft performing at shows and that military aircraft RA(T)s are issued by the MAA..?"*

*In any case I would indeed be grateful for a copy of the application from RAF Cosford for the 2016 RA(T)/RA(T)s as offered."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am writing to confirm that we hold some information on the subject you have requested.

Firstly, it may help if I explain that the Restricted Airspace (Temporary) is, as the name suggests, a temporary restriction placed on specific airspace by the CAA who have responsibility for such matters in the UK. It covers both civilian and military aircraft. In the case of the 2016 Cosford Airshow a Restricted Airspace (Temporary) was implemented in order to ensure that aircraft were aware that there were restrictions to entry or passage through the airspace near the airshow. A Restricted Airspace (Temporary) is a general restriction and does not relate to specific aircraft.

The application for a Restricted Airspace (Temporary) to cover the period of the airshow was made by telephone so I am unable to provide you with a written copy. However, under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, you may wish to note Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) M 016/2016 which notified the general aviation community of restrictions applying for the period 17-19 June 2016. The AIC made it clear there would be a large number of aircraft in the area some of whom would be engaging in display flying. A copy is attached.

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,



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