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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2015 requesting the following information:

I request the current training pipelines for RAF flying training in both the Rotary Wing and Multi Engine streams, from EFT (including lead –in courses) up to but not including OCUs, in weeks and hours current to 2015.

I would also like to request the Order of Battle to this date with this including the current station for all flying training squadrons.

Finally could I request the number of applicants for the University Air Squadron Bursary Scheme (Pilot) who attended the OASC for the 2015 input and from that number, how many were successful.

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.

The information that you have requested about the RAF flying training pipeline and the Order of Battle is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. This information is already in the public domain and can be found at the following link

http://www.raf.mod.uk/no22traininggroup/organisation/flying_training.cfm. It may be useful for you to know that the published flying training times are only a guideline as there may be factors beyond our control that may impact on these times, such as weather conditions.

The recorded number of applicants who applied for University Sponsorship for Pilot training between 1 September 2014 and 31 March 2015 was 67. Of these applicants, 37 attended the Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre Board and 6 were awarded bursaries in 2015.

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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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