



Ministry of Defence



Ref: [Redacted]



Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your letter dated 13 July 2016 requesting the following information;

You indicated that some of the information is held; therefore please supply the information you have available in answer to the following question:

Of those officers of the Operations Support (Intelligence) Branch within 3 years either side of [Redacted] date of commissioning ([Redacted]) who are still serving as regular officers in the RAF, state how many, and at what rank (to include those in acting rank).

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

We have understood your request to be seeking the quantity and rank of Serving Royal Air Force (RAF) Regular Officers, who were commissioned between February 1990 and June 1996, in the Operations Support (Intelligence) Branch.

A search for the information requested has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The table below displays the information.

Rank	Quantity
Flt Lt	~
Sqn Ldr	10
Wg Cdr	~
Gp Capt	~
Total	20

*Flight Lieutenant (Flt Lt), Squadron Leader (Sqn Ldr), Wing Commander (Wg Cdr), Gp Capt (Group Captain)

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data has been rounded to the nearest 10, where “-“ denotes zero and “~” denotes a number less than or equal to 5. When rounding to the nearest 10,

numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.

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, 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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