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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 11 January 2016 which requested the following information:

In order to bring my request within budget, I'd be happy to review the list of documents supplied by BAE, as per your suggestion, to see if they would fulfil my request.

This followed my letter of the same date in which I advised you that we would not be able to comply with your original request of 8 December 2015 for documents held in relation to the Nimrod MRA4 within the appropriate cost limit for Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. For reference, your original request is below:

Could you please provide me with any of the following information held in relation to the Nimrod MRA4:

- *flight manual (pilots guide, etc)*
- *flight manual performance data (or similar document)*
- *flight crew checklists*
- *photos and/or illustrations of the cockpit interior*
- *training photos/illustrations showing details of the cockpit/control surfaces*
- *drawings or schematics showing dimensions/sizing of the cockpit interior*

I am treating your email as a request for information under the FOI Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. As I advised you, while we were unable to conduct a definitive search of all MOD records within the appropriate cost limit, we have been able to identify some documents received from BAE Systems following cancellation of the Nimrod MRA4 project, which may be of assistance to you. A list of the relevant documents is below. Under Section 16 of the Act (advice and assistance), you will see that we have identified how each of the documents may satisfy elements of your original request. You should note, however, that any request for disclosure of these documents would be subject to consideration under the appropriate FOI exemptions.

Question references:

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- 2 - flight manual performance data (or similar document)

- 3 - flight crew checklists
- 4 - photos and/or illustrations of the cockpit interior
- 5 - training photos/illustrations showing details of the cockpit/control surfaces
- 6 - drawings or schematics showing dimensions/sizing of the cockpit interior

Question reference	Volume reference	Description	Comment
1	AP 101B-0505-15A	Nimrod MRA4 Aircrew Manual – Book 1 (Flying)	
2	AP 101B-0505-15A	Nimrod MRA4 Aircrew Manual – Book 1 (Flying)	Part 3 - Handling
	AP 101B-0505-16A	Nimrod MRA4 Operating Data Manual (Scheduled Performance)	
	AP 101B-0505-16B	Nimrod MRA4 Operating Data Manual (Flight Planning)	
3	AP 101B-0505-14A	Flight Crew Checklist – Flight Deck (Normal)	
	AP 101B-0505-14B	Flight Crew Checklist – Flight Deck (Emergency Procedures)	
	AP 101B-0505-14M	Flight Crew Checklist – Mission Crew (Emergency Procedures)	
4	AP 101B-0505-15A	Nimrod MRA4 Aircrew Manual – Book 1 (Flying)	Part 1, Chapter 1 (illustrations only)
5	AP 101B-0505-15A	Nimrod MRA4 Aircrew Manual – Book 1 (Flying)	No photos
6	No relevant documents held.		

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

