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**From:** 22TrgGp [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 October 2015 10:07  
**To:** Air- [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 20150929\_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red  
**Attachments:** Copy of 20151008\_FOI 08411 FD Events.xlsx

[REDACTED]

Tidied up version. Have not opened Sqn to Squadron – I think that is a known abbreviation....

Cheers

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**From:** Air- [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2015 15:40  
**To:** 22TrgGp- [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 20150929\_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

Hiya – Bizarre; It was attached. Here you go...

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**From:** 22TrgGp [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2015 15:37  
**To:** Air- [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 20150929\_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

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Pls see comments below.

regards

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Email: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Air-[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2015 11:52  
**To:** 22Trg[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 22Tra[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 20150929\_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

Thanks for the input. The requester has asked for the last 6 months (from the date of his request), so I have cut down the spreadsheet with the first applicable FD event being 12 April 2015.

There are a number of points I would like to clarify before the information is publicly released in its current form. Under the FOI Act Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) the RAF/MOD will provide some lines to support the information released. Consequently, I would be grateful if you could provide the following:

1. A list of the Orgs acronyms written in full (column C) – can you send your version back and I will add the units in full.
2. You mention that the spreadsheet covers points i-iv, however I can't find the 'Reason' (Q iii, below) for each event on the spreadsheet....? For example, are they recorded as 'Leadership' FD's, or similar? They are all doing Staff Rides – Airpower studies and ethos and heritage, which are sub-headings of FD.
3. I note the costs are not rounded. Are you content with this? I will also confirm with 22 Trg Gp Finance and Air Stats. Yes I am content.
4. There are a couple of blank cells, on rows 13 and 14, for HWY and Val. Do you hold the costs for these events? I can dig them out if you send me your version.
5. Please provide a few lines explaining the comment about the costs that are covered between units and Central Fund, as I will need to explain during the clearance process. If you cannot provide this, please let me know, and I will ask finance. Staff Rides are funded up to 50% from the Central Fund and the rest from unit funds. An Annex B, of leaflet 2415, AP 3379, is raised by the unit and sent to me, I will then vet the application and provide approval. The unit pays for the Staff Ride in full and upon production of a Post Ex Report I then request Finance to transfer the funds from the Central Fund back to unit.
6. Please provide a few lines explaining why the difference between total and GETC costs – is this linked to point nr. 5 above? If you cannot provide this, please let me know, and I will ask finance. Linked to above point.

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7. Are you content for this spreadsheet and its contents to be released into the public domain? I will also check with 22 Trg Gp Finance. Not being an expert in what is releasable or not I don't think I am qualified to comment but from a personal perspective I am happy to justify the decisions made.

Grateful for a response by **noon 14 Oct.**

VM.T.

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**From:** 22Trg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 October 2015 09:35  
**To:** Air- [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 22 [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 20150929\_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

[REDACTED]  
PSA edited spreadsheet that will answer some of the points below. This spreadsheet covers off overseas Staff Rides undertaken between 7 Apr -7 Oct 15. The costs are estimated costs with many coming in under the actual – as I don't have the full picture I won't present half a picture. The costs are generally split between unit and Central Fund. **This information will cover off questions i-iv.** All Staff Rides stay in local hotels, if no service accdn at the location; therefore, points about sponsors caterers etc, etc will take too long to ascertain.

Regards

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**From:** Air- [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 October 2015 09:01  
**To:** 22TrgG [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** FW: 20150929\_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months  
**Importance:** High

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PSB. [REDACTED] popped into the office yesterday, and confirmed that 22 Trg Gp do hold information concerning events (staff rides) within the past 6 months, and suggested that a couple of the questions could be answered from the list below in my original email of 29 Sep.

Grateful for your input by the end of this week, as aware the clock is ticking....

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**From:** Air- [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 September 2015 11:12  
**To:** 22TrgGp- [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 20150929\_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]  
FOI – RAF FD Events within the past 6 months

Having just spoken to [REDACTED] over in Halton, he suggested I also sent this FOI request to you. Do you have any records of any RAF staff rides/overseas expeditions etc that have taken place within the past 6 months or so?

Any data you can provide by **COP 7 Oct** would be great.

VMT.

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[REDACTED] | Air Command [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Air- [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 September 2015 10:48  
**To:** 22Trg [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: 20150922\_FOI 07415 FD Events  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]  
You may recall the recent FOI request concerning details of FD events for RN, Army and RAF, with a request to provide the following information for each event:

- i) The date of the event
- ii) The venue of the event
- iii) The reason for the event
- iv) The internal spend on the event
- v) The name of external vendors and caterers
- vi) The amount spent on each external vendor and caterer
- vii) The name of event sponsors
- viii) The amount received from each event sponsor
- ix) The job title of the booking officer(s)

[REDACTED] has narrowed his request down to **RAF FD events for the last six months.**

Grateful if you could provide any recorded information of FD events that have taken place recently, using the questions (if applicable) above as a guide to the type of information the requester is asking for wrt each event.

A response by **COP 7 October** would be great.

Happy to discuss, and as always, VMT.

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[REDACTED] | Air Command [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 September 2015 15:31  
**To:** Air-DRes Sec-ParliBusiness (MULTIUSER)  
**Subject:** Re: 20150922\_FOI 07415 FD Events

Thanks for this.

You say

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of this request if you reduce or refine it to bring the cost of compliance under the limit by narrowing your request to six months and asking about a specific type of Force Development (FD) training event, for example, an expedition, or Battlefield studies (see definitions of FD below). Please contact this office if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so, and I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please can I have this information in respect of the RAF for the last six months?

Please contact me [REDACTED] if there are any problems with my request.

Very best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
On Sep 22, 2015, at 7:53 AM, Air-DRes Sec-ParliBusiness (MULTIUSER) <[air-dressec-parlibusiness@mod.uk](mailto:air-dressec-parlibusiness@mod.uk)> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

22/01/2016

Please find attached a response to your recent FOI request, 2015-07415.

Yours sincerely

HQ Air Command  
Secretariat [REDACTED]

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