



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 April, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000; I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

In your email you requested the following:

“Could you please confirm the number of personnel who currently serve as Aerospace Battle Managers and Aerospace System Managers/Operators?”

Could you break this down by rank, displaying current manpower against the required manpower?”

A search has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The strength (current manpower) and liability (required manpower), as at March 2017, for Aerospace Battle Managers and Aerospace Systems Manager/Operator is:

Rank	Strength	Liability
<b>(Aerospace Battle Manager)</b>		
Air Marshal and above	-	-
Air Vice Marshal	-	-
Air Commodore	~	1
Group Captain	10	13
Wing Commander	60	61
Squadron Leader	90	117
Flight Lieutenant	120	210
Flying Officer	60	
Pilot Officer	-	-
<b>(Aerospace Systems Manager/Operator)</b>		
Warrant Officer	20	18
Flight Sergeant	50	51

Sergeant	120	128
Corporal	140	139
Senior Aircraftman	190	232
Leading Aircraftman/Aircraftman	~	

With regard to the current strength figures (in the first column), 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.

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 this office 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, Ground 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,

Air Command Secretariat