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Dear ,

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 May 2017 asking for information about exercises to be carried out at RAF Lossiemouth in the coming year. You requested the following information:

"...details of any upcoming exercises that are planned to be held at RAF Lossiemouth for the next 12 months.

Information desired includes any increase in flying activity, due to visiting aircraft, and flying activity taking place outwith normal operating hours, as well as what time periods this is likely to take place."

I am treating your correspondence as requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

Under current plans there will be a number of exercises carried out at RAF Lossiemouth during the period 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018. Details are given in the table below although we cannot exclude the possibility of further exercises being planned during the course of the coming year:

Dates	Increase in Flying Activity	Flying activity outside normal flying hours	Will there be visiting aircraft	Brief Description of Exercise
12 Jun to 8 Sep 17	No	Yes	Yes	Trials.
31 Aug to 11 Sep 17	No	No	Yes	US/UK cooperative flying.

22 Sep to 18 Oct 17	No	To be confirmed	Yes	Multi-national surface vessel air defence.
2 to 13 Oct 17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Multi-national Land-Sea and Air exercise.
13 Nov to 8 Dec 17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Night flying training up to 23.30hrs local on weeknights.
23 Apr to 4 May 18	Yes	No	Yes	Multi-national Land-Sea and Air exercise.

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, 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.

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Yours sincerely


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