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Dear

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Thank you for your email dated 25 September 2015, requesting the following information:

Force Development (FD) training events for the RAF for the last six months

- 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)

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed, and I am writing to confirm that MOD holds some of the information in scope of your request.

Questions i, ii, and iv. Please find attached a list of RAF Force Development events for the last six months, which includes date, venue (location) and internal spend on the event.

Question iii. Airpower studies, ethos and heritage are the reasons for the Force Development events

Questions v - ix. Information is not held.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to note that although the RAF does not have a booking officer per se (question ix), they do have an authorising officer and the job title is 'Force Development and Adventurous Training Wing Delivery Staff Officer'.

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 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**, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk).

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Yours sincerely,

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