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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 July 2017 in response to my letter also of the same date. You have asked for information about the RAF Regiment in Afghanistan. You requested the following information:

"I would be happy with information that you could find on the number of RAF Regiment personnel that served in Afghanistan, and the number of casualties sustained by those personnel."

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 electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that some information within the scope of your request is held.

Between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2008 two members of the RAF Regiment were killed in Afghanistan. Both lost their lives as a result of hostile action. Over the same period, 43 members of the RAF Regiment were casualties. Of those nine were battle related whilst 34 were non battle related.

Turning to the number of personnel that served in Afghanistan, I can confirm that between April 2006 and December 2008, some 1190 RAF Regiment personnel were deployed. However, I have to advise you that prior to April 2006 the necessary records are not held centrally and therefore I cannot provide details for the period before then.

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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