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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 August asking for information about refuelling flights carried out by the RAF's VIP Voyager. You requested the following information:

*".....how many times the RAF A330 Voyager refuelling aircraft, refurbished to carry members of the royal family and senior members of the Government, has been used for refuelling operations since it was remodelled for its new role.*

*Could you specify the date and year it was flown on refuelling operations, whether it was refuelling UK or foreign aircraft, and the nature of the operations the planes being refuelled were undertaking."*

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 within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Please find attached details of refuelling flights undertaken by Voyager ZZ336 which has been refitted to undertake the VIP role when required. In a small number of cases flights were undertaken but refuelling did not actually occur.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the VIP Voyager is based alongside the rest of the Voyager fleet at RAF Brize Norton where it is routinely used for air-to-air refuelling, air transport and trooping flights. It undertook its first flight in the VIP role on 8 July 2016.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

  
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Event	Date	Receiver Task	UK Receiver Ac	Foreign Receiver Ac
<b>There were a Total of 76 AAR Sorties in the requested period.</b>				
1	12-Jul-16	Exercise	Yes	No
2	13-Jul-16	Exercise	Yes	No
3	13-Jul-16	Exercise	Yes	No
4	14-Jul-16	Exercise	Yes	No
5	14-Jul-16	Exercise	Yes	No
6	19-Jul-16	Transit	Yes	No
7	26-Jul-16	Exercise	Yes	No
8	10-Aug-16	Exercise	Yes	No
9	11-Aug-16	Exercise	Yes	No
10	11-Aug-16	Exercise	Yes	No
11	22-Aug-16	Exercise	Yes	No
12	08-Sep-16	Exercise	Yes	No
13	13-Sep-16	Exercise	Yes	No
14*	22-Sep-16	Operational	N/A	N/A
15	27-Sep-16	Exercise	Yes	No
16	28-Sep-16	Exercise	Yes	No
17	03-Oct-16	Exercise	Yes	No
18	17-Oct-16	Exercise	Yes	No
19	17-Oct-16	Operational	Yes	No
20	25-Oct-16	Exercise	Yes	No
21	27-Oct-16	Exercise	Yes	No
22	28-Oct-16	Exercise	Yes	No
23*	28-Oct-16	Operational	N/A	N/A
24	01-Nov-16	Exercise	Yes	No
25	01-Nov-16	Exercise	Yes	No
26	02-Nov-16	Exercise	Yes	No
27	16-Nov-16	Exercise	Yes	No
28	24-Nov-16	Exercise	Yes	No
29	28-Nov-16	Exercise	Yes	No
30	29-Nov-16	Exercise	Yes	No
31	30-Nov-16	Exercise	Yes	No
32	01-Dec-16	Exercise	Yes	No
33	01-Dec-16	Exercise	Yes	No
34	12-Dec-16	Exercise	Yes	No
35	13-Dec-16	Exercise	Yes	No
36	14-Dec-16	Exercise	Yes	No
37	19-Dec-16	Exercise	Yes	No
38	06-Jan-17	Exercise	Yes	No
39	09-Jan-17	Exercise	Yes	No
40	12-Jan-17	Transit	Yes	No
41	14-Jan-17	Transit	Yes	No
42	16-Jan-17	Transit	Yes	No
43	17-Jan-17	Transit	Yes	No
44	01-Feb-17	Operational	Yes	No
45	03-Feb-17	Operational	Yes	No
46	06-Feb-17	Exercise	Yes	No
47	09-Feb-17	Operational	Yes	No
48	13-Feb-17	Exercise	Yes	No

49	14-Feb-17	Exercise	Yes	No
50	16-Feb-17	Exercise	Yes	No
51	21-Feb-17	Exercise	Yes	No
52	22-Feb-17	Exercise	Yes	No
53	01-Mar-17	Exercise	Yes	No
54	06-Mar-17	Exercise	Yes	No
55	07-Mar-17	Exercise	Yes	No
56	13-Mar-17	Exercise	Yes	No
57	20-Mar-17	Exercise	Yes	No
58	13-Apr-17	Exercise	Yes	No
59	17-May-17	Exercise	Yes	No
60	01-Jun-17	Exercise	Yes	Yes
61	05-Jun-17	Exercise	Yes	No
62	27-Jun-17	Exercise	Yes	No
63	11-Jul-17	Exercise	Yes	No
64	14-Jul-17	Exercise	Yes	No
65	17-Jul-17	Exercise	Yes	No
66	18-Jul-17	Exercise	Yes	No
67	24-Jul-17	Exercise	Yes	No
68	27-Jul-17	Exercise	Yes	No
69*	28-Jul-17	Exercise	N/A	N/A
70	28-Jul-17	Exercise	Yes	No
71	01-Aug-17	Transit	Yes	No
72	02-Aug-17	Transit	Yes	No
73	04-Aug-17	Exercise	Yes	No
74	08-Aug-17	Exercise	No	Yes
75*	08-Aug-17	Operational	N/A	N/A
76	09-Aug-17	Exercise	Yes	Yes

\* Refuelling did not occur