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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails of 3 June and 7 June 2017 requesting the following information:

*'Can you please provide details of the daily working population of RAF Coningsby as at 1 April 2014.*

*Could this be further broken down as follows:*

*Number of Regular Service Personnel*

*Number of Reserve Service Personnel*

*Number of MOD Civilians*

*Number of Civilian Contractors (Not including temporary contractors involved in building/repair works on Unit)*

*Also can you provide a list of all the permanent Contractors, for example SERCO, ISS, BAE etc, and identify how many personnel located at RAF Coningsby work for each.'*

*'Apologies, i did in fact mean as of Apr 17. Further to this, please include all contractors and sub-contractors.'*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information requested has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that some recorded information in scope of your request is held.

As at 1 April 2017, the number of Reserve Service Personnel at RAF Coningsby was 60.

The number of Civilian Contractors and Sub-Contractors is information not held.

The list of permanent Contractors is as follows:

- BAeS
- RR
- SerCo
- EMCOR
- ISS
- Carillion Amey
- Daubneys
- Turners
- Inzpire
- Kinetic

The number of personnel located at RAF Coningsby who work for each of the permanent contractors is information not held.

Section 21(1) of the FOIA (Information reasonably accessible by other means) has been applied to some of the information because the number of Regular Service Personnel and MOD Civilians at RAF Coningsby as at 1 April 2017 is published in the April 2017 Quarterly location Statistics and can be found in Table 3.4a, East Midlands, East Lindsey at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-uk-regular-service-and-civilian-personnel-quarterly-statistics-2017>

Under section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to note the figures provided above and in the April 2017 Quarterly location Statistics reflect the numbers of personnel based at RAF Coningsby as at 1 April 2017; they do not represent the numbers of personnel on unit on 1 April 17, as this information is not recorded. Additionally, the figures provided in the April 2017 Quarterly location Statistics are broken down by Local Authority, not by station. However, RAF Coningsby is the only station within this authority, so the published figures solely represent the population of RAF Coningsby.

Furthermore, the MOD is unable to provide precise figures for the number of contractors or their personnel at RAF Coningsby, as this information is not held by the MOD. Individuals who are employed by one of the above companies may occasionally work at different sites for varying periods of time, therefore there is no precise recorded figure. For this reason, the MOD is unable to provide an exact figure on 1 April 17. However, currently there are 1620 security passes issued to contractors at RAF Coningsby. Please note that this figure is not a definitive figure for numbers of contractors on the unit, as there may be some contractors who have a pass issued elsewhere but their pass is recognised by RAF Coningsby. This figure

details the number of passes which are 'live' and so provides a reasonable indication of the daily working contractor population. You may also wish to be aware that the system does not record the split between contractor companies.

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.

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 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, 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 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,  
[Original Signed]

**Air Director Resources Secretariat**