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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 November 2017 asking for information about flying hours. You requested the following information:

"To receive the number of flying hours in UK military service for the following fleets for the year 2016-17:

1. *Typhoon (all models)*
2. *Tornado GR4*
3. *C-130*
4. *C-17*
5. *Hawk*
6. *Chinook (all models)*
7. *Merlin Mk2*
8. *Merlin HC3/Mk4*
9. *Puma Mk2*
10. *RN Lynx*
11. *AAC Lynx*
12. *RN Lynx Wildcat*
13. *AAC Lynx Wildcat."*

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 and is given in the table below:

Aircraft	Flying Hours 2016-17
Typhoon	22,220
Tornado GR4	11,760
C-130	12,440
C-17	7,640
Hawk	14,560
Chinook	11,450
Merlin Mk2 (Royal Navy)	5,630
Merlin HC3/Mk4 (Royal Navy)	3,250
Puma Mk2	5,240
Lynx (Royal Navy)	1,550
Lynx (Army Air Corps)	2,470
Wildcat (Royal Navy)	4,090
Wildcat (Army Air Corps)	4,190


Figures are rounded to the nearest 10

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

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Yours sincerely


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