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Dear

Thank you for your email of 21 July requesting the following information:

- "I have seen that The Gazelle Squadron Display Team Ltd (hereafter "the team"), based at Bourne Park, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hampshire, was present at the RAF Marham Families Day (hereafter "families day") on Thursday 20 July 2017 with aircraft both in a flying display, and a static (ground) display.
- 1) Please could you confirm how many of the team's aircraft were booked to attend the families day?
- 2) Please could you confirm how many of the team's aircraft attended the families day?
- 3) Please could you confirm if there was a cost to the Royal Air Force, the station, or any individuals within the purview of this FOI request, for these displays?
- 4) If the answer to question 3 is yes, please could you show the cost breakdown for the team's displays both on the air and on the ground?
- 5) If the answer to question 2 is that fewer aircraft attended than were booked, please could you show the reduction in cost for the team's presence?"

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

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.

Three aircraft attended the RAF Marham Families Day, two for static display and one display aircraft. There was no cost to the RAF for this display.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to be aware that the Gazelle Squadron Display Team Ltd is a privately owned company and is not part of the Ministry of Defence. Information on the Gazelle Squadron Display Team can be found at <a href="https://www.gazellsquadron.co.uk">www.gazellsquadron.co.uk</a>.

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). 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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