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Dear ,

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 April 2018 asking for information about exercises to be carried out at RAF Lossiemouth in the coming year. You requested the following information:

*"I write to you under the 'Freedom of Information Act' to ascertain details of any upcoming exercises that are planned to be held at RAF Lossiemouth for the next 12 Months.*

*Information desired includes any increase in flying activity, due to visiting aircraft, and flying activity taking place outwith normal operating hours, as well as what time periods this is likely to take place."*

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.

Under current plans there will be a number of exercises carried out at RAF Lossiemouth during the period 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019. You may care to note that due to its proximity, we have also included two exercises taking place at Kinloss Airfield. Details are given in the table at Annex although we cannot exclude the possibility of further exercises being planned during the course of the coming year.

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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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Increase in Flying Activity</b>	<b>Flying activity outside normal flying hours</b>	<b>Will there be visiting aircraft</b>	<b>Brief Description of Exercise</b>
23 Apr – 4 May 18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Multi-national Land-Sea and Air exercise. Minimal activity outside of normal flying hours.
8-17 May 18	Yes	Yes	Yes	UK Helicopter training (at Kinloss Airfield). Weekend flying but not night flying.
30-31 May 18	No	No	Yes	UK/French cooperative flying.
4-25 Jun 18	Yes	No	Yes	German flying training/trials.
15 Aug – 25 Sep 18	Yes	No	Yes	Light aircraft flying training (at Kinloss Airfield).
1-12 Oct 18	Yes	No	Yes	German flying training/trials.
12-23 Nov 18	No	No	No	UK training.
12 Nov – 7 Dec 18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Multi-national night flying training (times TBC).