



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2018, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

In your email you requested the following:

*"Publication of the hardcopy Air Force List having ceased in 2007, it is no longer possible for historians to reconstruct the career of an officer - or for a taxpayer to see who he is paying. In 2013 I requested access to the on-line version. HQ Air Command provided this link:*

*[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_www.gov.uk\\_government\\_publications\\_armed-2Dforces-2Dlist-2D2013&d=DwlCaQ&c=axaOw2qHyp7zEDNbTjpgYA&r=338\\_LDuXi2CRJzQpHh2t-w&m=qeWCNzhWyWsgglaB5tCRm1G-oSophOMrR62jurEx0Ro&s=Qiv1gAqWwS-vZN2Y2w7BWzJ2obASSFMjzQpMt\\_I19ul&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_www.gov.uk_government_publications_armed-2Dforces-2Dlist-2D2013&d=DwlCaQ&c=axaOw2qHyp7zEDNbTjpgYA&r=338_LDuXi2CRJzQpHh2t-w&m=qeWCNzhWyWsgglaB5tCRm1G-oSophOMrR62jurEx0Ro&s=Qiv1gAqWwS-vZN2Y2w7BWzJ2obASSFMjzQpMt_I19ul&e=)*

*and stated that the list would be updated and republished annually.*

*That link still works, but I have been unable to find a more recent edition.*

*Please provide a link to the current List and arrange for public access to be automatically updated annually."*

I can confirm that MOD does hold information within scope of your request.

The information you have requested is already available in the public domain and is therefore exempt under Section 21(1) of the FOI Act – "information available to the applicant by other means". The Air Force List is available to view on the RAF website:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/senior-appointments/>

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (the duty to provide advice and assistance), you may wish to be aware that the most recent Air Force List, as available on the RAF website, was updated on 4 January 2018 and will be updated as necessary.

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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