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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 August requesting details of the Tucano ZF409 write off. You requested the following information:

"Tucano T.1 ZF409 written off details.

This aircraft was involved in written-off prior to August 2011. Can you please supply the date and location of the event that lead to this and the reason."

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

On 21st October 2009 at RAF Linton on Ouse, a maintenance investigation into an undercarriage indication issue found that both Port and Starboard Keelwall assemblies, which mount the Nose Landing Gear, were buckled. The aircraft was subsequently deemed to be beyond economic repair. ZF409 was removed from the Military Register on 2nd October 2013 and sold for scrap.

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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