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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 September asking about the RAF's Air Experience Flights. You have requested the following information:

".....would you please provide (for financial years 2014/15 to 2017/18):

- * The number of cadet hours flown at AEF units in each year broken down by unit.*
- * The number of flights undertaken by cadets at AEF units in each year broken down by unit.*
- * The total number of Air Cadets in each year.*

It is disappointing that cost information can not be ascertained for the above, but thank you for clarifying that point.

I am surprised that you do not hold statistics on the number of flights undertaken by each cadet for the above periods. Is that information not available from the RAFAC BADER Squadron Management System?"

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. Details of Air Training Corps (ATC) and Combined Cadet Force (CCF) cadet flying hours and the number of cadets flown by unit for financial years 2014/15 to 2017/18 are attached at Annex, together with overall cadet numbers from 1 April 2010 to 1 April 2018.


Under Section 16 (Advice and assistance) of the FOIA you may wish to note that whilst some information relating to flights by individual cadets has been recorded on the BADER Squadron Management System, this is by no means complete, as the RAF has not mandated that it be recorded. Therefore, it is not a comprehensive or accurate reflection of cadet flying. You may also wish to note that with effect from 1 April 2017 flying has been suspended at RAF Woodvale (home to AEF 10) due to runway resurfacing requirements.

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.gov.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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Air Command

AEF ATC and CCF Cadet Flying Hours

Unit	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
1 AEF	170	240	380	440
2 AEF	860	710	750	890
3 AEF	690	660	510	180
4 AEF	180	210	220	170
5 AEF	940	630	780	230
6 AEF	1960	1960	1640	1210
7 AEF	730	870	920	1000
8 AEF	570	610	550	870
9 AEF	400	470	490	550
10 AEF	640	630	510	0
11 AEF	370	380	430	340
12 AEF	420	520	440	430

Rounded to the nearest 10

Number of ATC and CCF Cadets Flown

Unit	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
1 AEF	390	530	850	950
2 AEF	1840	1500	1870	1570
3 AEF	1500	1480	1160	420
4 AEF	370	380	420	300
5 AEF	2350	1550	1870	1220
6 AEF	5030	5070	4190	3090
7 AEF	2030	2350	2470	2630
8 AEF	1460	1420	1320	1780
9 AEF	1060	1120	1100	1220
10 AEF	1400	1360	1190	0
11 AEF	950	890	1070	800
12 AEF	960	1090	1050	1010

Rounded to the nearest 10

Number of Cadets in Air Training Corps and Combined Cadet Force (RAF)

Date	ATC	CCF (RAF)
1 April 2010	33,560	9,700
1 April 2011	35,210	9,260
1 April 2012	35,750	9,220
1 April 2013	33,490	9,430
1 April 2014	33,590	8,060
1 April 2015	33,370	7,890
1 April 2016	32,860	7,890
1 April 2017	31,190	7,830
1 April 2018	31,610	7,660

Numbers rounded to the nearest 10