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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 October 2018 asking about hospitality events on RAF Tornado aircraft. Specifically, you requested:

"Information regarding social functions hosted on board RAF Tornado jets between 2005 and the present day. I would like this information to include the date of the function, a description of the type of social function (eg cocktail party, gala dinner) and the reason for the function."

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 within the scope of your request is not held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to note that although guests, visiting dignitaries or media representatives may have been offered the opportunity to sit in a Tornado jet as part of the RAF's wider engagement, the Tornado is a two-seat combat aircraft and therefore unsuitable for social functions such as cocktail parties or gala dinners.

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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