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Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 January 2019 which is a follow up to my response of 16 January to FOI 2019/00383 asking for information about aircraft movements and passenger numbers at RAF Northolt. Specifically, you requested the following information:

"Please proceed and let me have the information on the number of air movements as detailed in my request.

I am sure that London City Airport will have a passenger database for clients using the Northolt Jet Company and I would be grateful if you would get the information relating to the number of passengers that flew in private jets for the year 2018 from this leasing company."

I am taking the first part of your request to be "....for the period 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2018: The number of flight movements for RAF, Government, Northolt Jet Company (civilian)" which I have taken from your previous request of 10 January 2019.

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 some information within the scope of your request is held.

Details of the number of aircraft movements at RAF Northolt during the period 1 January to 31 December 2018 are given in the table below:

| Category of Aircraft | No of movements 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2018 |
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| Military | 2075 |
| London Air Ambulance | 783 |
| Non-Commercial Civil | 1380 |
| Commercial (NJC) | 4632 |

Non-commercial civil aircraft includes civil registered aircraft used for such purposes as Royal and British Government charters, visiting Heads of State and Government Officials. You may wish to note that Military, London Air Ambulance and non-commercial civil movements are not handled through the Northolt Jet Centre. Northolt Jet Centre is a private commercial organisation and therefore falls outside the scope of the Freedom of Information Act. If you want to find details of the number of passengers they handled during the period covered by your request, you may wish to contact them directly.

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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