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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 28th May 2019 requesting the following information:

"I would be very grateful if you could provide numbers for the Royal Air Force in 2018."

- *Uniformed military fixed-wing pilots – trained strength*
- *Uniformed military fixed-wing pilots – untrained strength*

- *Uniformed military 'rotary-wing' pilots – trained strength*
- *Uniformed military 'rotary-wing' pilots – untrained strength*

- *Uniformed military maintenance and overhaul personnel – trained strength*
- *Uniformed military maintenance and overhaul personnel – untrained strength*

Clarification of *"Uniformed military maintenance and overhaul personnel"* request, up dated to *"Please could you provide an overview of engineering occupations"*

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

The information you have requested can be found in the Adobe (.pdf) file attached to the email.

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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Would you like to be added to our contact list so we can consult with you if we are thinking about making any changes to the statistics we compile? Please register your interest by e-mailing defstrat-stat-air@mod.uk

- Q 1. Uniformed military fixed-wing pilots - trained and untrained
 Q 2. Uniformed military rotary wing pilots - trained and untrained

RAF Regular Pilot Strength¹ at 1 April 2018

	Trained	Untrained
Pilot (Fixed Wing ²)	1,127	109
Pilot (Rotary Wing)	465	44
Pilot unknown ³	9	254
Pilot Total	1,601	407

- Q 3. Engineering occupations- trained and untrained

RAF Regular Engineering Strength at 1 April 2018

Officers	Trained	Untrained
RAF Engineer (Aerosystems)	679	92
RAF Engineer (Communications-Electronics)	375	49
RAF Engineer Total	1,054	141

Other Ranks	Trained	Untrained
Aircraft Engineering Technician	323	-
Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic (Avionics)	421	119
Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic (Mechanical)	448	127
Aircraft Technician (Avionics)	2,089	-
Aircraft Technician (Mechanical)	2,604	-
Engineering Technician Weapon	1,119	109
Aircraft Engineering Total	7,004	355
General Engineering Technician	65	-
General Technician (Mechanical)	686	120
General Technician Electrical	398	72
General Technician Workshops	108	10
Unknown	3	-
General Engineering Total	1,260	202
Total Engineering	9,318	698

Notes:

1. Strength is RAF Regulars only. As recorded on the Joint Personnel and Administration System (JPA)
2. Pilots in the 'Fixed wing' include Fast Jet, Multi-engine and Remotely Piloted Air Systems.
3. Pilots whilst in training don't always have the platform they are training towards recorded on JPA.