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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 June requesting the following information:

“the number of reports from all sources raised in the MAA Air Safety Information Management System (ASIMS) database, broken down by year, within the time period 01/04/2012 - 31/03/2019.”

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 all the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found in the table below.

Year	Number of reports raised on ASIMS
01/04/2012 – 31/12/2012	8266
2013	11899
2014	13206
2015	12791
2016	13374
2017	13298
2018	13354
01/01/2019 - 31/03/2019	3257
Total	89445

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that ASIMS is the platform on which all defence Air Safety occurrences are recorded by the defence aviation community to report incidents at the time of occurrence.

Whilst these reports include fatalities and major injuries or an aircraft sustaining category 4 or 5 damage, the vast majority refer to minor injuries or occurrences. Also included in the statistics are reports of near misses which are used to provide information on a specific situation or set of circumstances which did not actually result in an Air Safety incident but where the potential for an Air Safety incident to occur in the future was identified.

Whilst the Military Aviation Authority (MAA) act as administrators for the ASIMS system, they do not own the data contained within the database.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

DSA Secretariat