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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 November 2019 about aircraft numbers. You have requested the following information:

".....please provide details of all RAF, AAC and RN aircraft currently in the forward fleet and in the sustainment fleet?"

I am aware that a similar request was lodged in early 2018, however I was wondering if more up to date information could be made available as the fleet has changed in composition since then."

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 and is provided at Annex. With the exception of Voyager, the figures exclude civilian or contractor owned or operated fleets.

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 faithfully

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Air Command

Aircraft Numbers as at 1 December 2019

Fixed Wing				
	Service	Forward Fleet	Sustainment Fleet	Total
Atlas (A400M)	RAF	13	7	20
BAE 146	RAF	4	0	4
C-17 Globemaster	RAF	6	2	8
Defender	RAF	6	3	9
Hawk T1	RAF/Royal Navy	37	33	70
Hawk T2	RAF	21	7	28
Hercules C-130J	RAF	9	5	14
Islander	RAF	1	2	3
F-35 Lightning	RAF	18	0	18
Poseidon	RAF	1	0	1
Reaper	RAF	7	3	10
Rivet Joint RC-135W	RAF	2	1	3
Sentinel	RAF	2	3	5
Sentry	RAF	3	1	4
Shadow/King Air	RAF	4	4	8
Typhoon	RAF	98	42	140
Viking*	RAF	-	-	81
Voyager	RAF	8	2	10
Rotary				
	Service	Forward Fleet	Sustainment Fleet	Total
Chinook (All Variants)	RAF	41	19	60
Puma	RAF	16	7	23
Leonardo Grand New	RAF	1	0	1
Dauphin	Royal Navy	2	0	2
Wildcat HMA	Royal Navy	19	9	28
Merlin Mk2	Royal Navy	18	12	30
Merlin Mk3/4/4A	Royal Navy	15	10	25
Apache	Army	42	8	50
Gazelle AH1	Army	19	13	32
Wildcat AH	Army	24	10	34

*The MOD does not differentiate between Forward and Sustainment Fleets for the Viking glider