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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 January 2020, requesting the following information:

“ I am grateful for answers to the following questions in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am grateful for data for the following six questions for the period starting from 2007.

- 2. How many personnel have been recruited from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines by year from the period 2007/8 up to 2018/19?*
- 3. How many personnel currently hold British as their first nationality and Vincentian/Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as their second nationality?*
- 4. How many personnel currently hold Vincentian/Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as their first nationality and British annotated as their second nationality?*
- 5. How many personnel are currently serving in aggregate from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines inclusive of sole Vincentian nationality, and annotated first and/or second nationality?*
- 6. What is the average length of service for personnel from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines? How does this compare to other nationalities where data is recorded?”*

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 and I can confirm that the MOD holds the information in scope of your request.

In accordance with the Data Protect act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the data has been rounded to the nearest 10 and a “~” denotes a number less than or equal to 5 but more than zero.

1. How many personnel have been recruited from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines by year from the period 2007/8 up to 2018/19?

Financial Year	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
Intake	~	~	~	-	-	~	-	-	~	-	~	-	10

2. How many personnel currently hold British as their first nationality and Vincentian/Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as their second nationality?

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3. How many personnel currently hold Vincentian/Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as their first nationality and British annotated as their second nationality?

Zero

4. How many personnel are currently serving in aggregate from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines inclusive of sole Vincentian nationality, and annotated first and/or second nationality?

Ten

5. What is the average length of service for personnel from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines? How does this compare to other nationalities where data is recorded?

For comparison the current average length of service of the RAF Trained Regular Officers and Other Ranks as of 1 October 2019, for:

Those who have first, or second nationality of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is 10 years and 4 months.

The average length of service for an individual who does not have either British or Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as their first recorded nationality is 8 years and 2 months.

For those who have their first nationality of British and are not included in the aforementioned cohorts is 13 years and 5 months.

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Yours Sincerely

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