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Dear REDACTED

Thank you for your email of 2 April requesting the following information:

“I am an aviation enthusiast in the north-east of England and over the last few months have been fortunate to follow the retirement of the Tucano aircraft fleet based at RAF Linton On Ouse from RAF service. I understand from an aviation forum that I am a member of that some of these Tucanos have now been removed from the Military Register and would like to know which specific aircraft in particular have been removed? I presume that this information is in the public domain and I have searched gov.uk and the Military Aviation Authority websites without success, can you please provide me with a link to the relevant page(s) ?”

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 Tucano air systems which have been removed from the Military Aircraft Register are as follows:

ZF137, ZF169, ZF170, ZF202, ZF210, ZF292, ZF294, ZF319, ZF341, ZF349, ZF406, ZF135, ZF139, ZF140, ZF142, ZF143, ZF144, ZF145, ZF171, ZF172, ZF204, ZF205, ZF239, ZF240, ZF243, ZF244, ZF264, ZF269, ZF287, ZF290, ZF291, ZF293, ZF317, ZF338, ZF342, ZF343, ZF347, ZF348, ZF374, ZF377, ZF378, ZF379, ZF407, ZF417, ZF448, ZF485, ZF489, ZF491, ZF512 and ZF515.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that certificates of de-registration for all 50 Tucano air systems listed above were issued on 1 April 2020. You may also be interested to know that access to the Military Aircraft Register is not publicly available and we are therefore not able to provide you with a link.

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](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely,

DSA Secretariat