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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 June 2020 asking for information about flying hours. You requested the following information:

*To receive the fleet flying hours for 2019-20 for the following aircraft:*

- i) Typhoon; ii) C-130; iii) C-17; iv) A400M; v) Voyager; vi) E-3 Sentry; vii) Rivet Joint; viii) R-1 Sentinel; ix) Hawk (all variants - if broken down, OK); x) Chinook; xi) Apache (all variants); xii) Merlin Mk2; xiii) Merlin Mk4 (incl any aircraft still in works, so they would be Mk3s); xiv) Puma (all versions); xv) RN Lynx Wildcat; xvi) AAC Lynx Wildcat; xvii) F-35B Lightning II.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) which was due on 17 July 2020. Please accept my apologies for the late response. We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested, and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held. Flying hours for Financial Year 2019/20 are given in the table below:

Aircraft	Flying Hours 2019-20
Typhoon	19,840
F-35 Lightning	1,900
Hercules (C-130J)	5,660
Globemaster (C-17)	5,620
Atlas (A400M)	4,480
Voyager	15,790
Sentry	480
Sentinel	1,240
Rivet Joint RC-135W	560
Hawk T1	7,070
Hawk T2	5,430
Chinook	9,580

Apache	9,610
Merlin Mk2	5,010
Merlin HC3/Mk4	3,260
Puma	5,450
Wildcat (Royal Navy)	4,840
Wildcat (Army Air Corps)	5,340

Figures are rounded to the nearest '10

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Yours sincerely

  
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