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Dear

Your correspondence dated 19 August 2019 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You requested the following information:

What is the number/percentage/proportion of trained female fixed-wing pilots in the RAF as of FY 2018-2019??

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

As at 1 April 2019 there were 30 trained female fixed-wing Pilots in the RAF.

Fixed-wing Pilots has been taken to mean Pilots who are recorded on their personnel records as Fast Jet or Multi Engine pilots. In accordance with the Data Protection Act, data has been rounded to the nearest 10.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). 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 process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>

Yours sincerely

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