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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of the 4 November 2020 requesting the following information;

*"Please can you provide a figure as to how many 1\* and above Air Force officers have existed within the Royal Air Force since 2010, broken down by year and rank."*

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The number of 1\* and above ranks for the years 2010 and 2011 are as follows:

Rank NATO and RAF equivalent		April 2010	April 2011
OF9 – Air Chief Marshal (4*)		3	3
OF8 – Air Marshal (3*)		8	8
OF7 – Air Vice-Marshal (2*)		26	26
OF6 – Air Commodore (1*)		93	90

Under Section 21 (Information accessible to applicant by other means) you should note that a spreadsheet with the breakdown of the number of 1\* and above appointments, by rank, between April 2012 and April 2020 can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-biannual-diversity-statistics-2020>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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 [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.

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 <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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