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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of the 24 March 2021 requesting the following information:

Please treat the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, where this information may be relevant to all 3 armed services, please consider it to refer to the Royal Air Force:

- 1. What will SGIS/DSUS comprise of? (bursaries, University Air Squadron membership etc)*
- 2. When will SGIS/DSUS be open for applications?*
- 3. What will be the SGIS/DSUS application pathway? (if this differs from the regular RAF engineer officer application pathway)*
- 4. When will SGIS/DSUS begin for successful applicants under question 2?*
- 5. At this time, does the RAF have any more relevant information about the SGIS/DSUS offer?*

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 some information in scope of your request is held. I will answer each of your numbered requests in turn.

Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to know that the Armed Forces are now referring to the STEM Graduate Inflow Scheme as Defence STEM Undergraduate Scheme.

Question 1

The Defence STEM Undergraduate Scheme (DSUS) will require those accepted to join their local University Air Squadron. The financial support available through the Royal Air Force (RAF) offer is currently being finalised.

Question 2

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) and RAF are aiming to release details of DSUS in the second half of 2021.

Question 3

The application and selection event for DSUS will be identical to the RAF Regular Engineer Officer application.

Question 4

The MOD and RAF are aiming to have DSUS available to undergraduates who graduate from Summer 2025 onwards.

Question 5

Unlike the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme, the DSUS will be available to students studying at all British Universities who offer a STEM degree.

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Yours sincerely

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