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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of the 18 January 2020 requesting the following information;

*Please could you provide the figure of how many new 1\* and above posts have been created in the last 10 financial years.*

*Could you also provide the figure as to how many new Junior Officer (Pilot Officer, flying Officer, Flight lieutenant) posts have been created over the last 10 years*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 200 (FOIA)

A search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

During the last ten financial years the Royal Air Force was required to create:

- Ten 1\* star and above Senior Officer posts between the rank of Air Commodore to Air Chief Marshal.
- 114 Junior Officer posts at the rank of Pilot Officer, Flying Officer or Flight Lieutenant.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to know that the data provided is from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2020, for the remainder of this financial year there are no new 1\* or Junior Officer posts planned.

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.



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Yours sincerely

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