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30 March 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 29 February 2020 requesting the following information:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act Please can I ask in the RAF what is the number of women that receive free accommodation due to them being married and having a residence that they are pay for in another area?"

Under the Freedom of Information Act Please can I ask in the RAF what is the number of men that receive free accommodation due to them being married and having a residence that they are pay for in another area?"

Under the Freedom of Information Act Please can I ask the total number of women in the RAF?"

Under the Freedom of Information Act Please can I ask the total number of men in the RAF?"

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, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

As of March 2020, there are 224 female Royal Air Force Service personnel living in Service Single Living Accommodation at no charge due to being married or in a civil partnership and having another residence elsewhere for which they have financial responsibility (Private or Service).

As of March 2020, there are 2533 male Royal Air Force Service personnel living in Service Single Living Accommodation at no charge due to being married or in a civil partnership and having another residence elsewhere for which they have financial responsibility (Private or Service).

Under Section 21 (information accessible by other means) the number of men and woman in the Royal Air Force is published information and can be found in the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-biannual-diversity-statistics-2019>

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 me in the first instance. 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). 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,

[Original signed]

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