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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 May 2021, in which you asked for the following information:

The recent Integrated Defence Review identified that the RAF Regt were losing 300 personnel. I am informed the loss of 300 personnel is now being considered across several trades included in the FP Force, not just the RAF Regt. These trades include RAF Regt, RAF Police, PTIs and Fire. I would like to know the following:

Are the 300 posts being removed from the RAF Regt or other trades.

What trades are losing posts? (Please provide exact numbers for each trade)

What Stations will lose posts?

What Flts, Sqns or Wings will lose posts?

How many current empty posts do the RAF Regt have across the ranks?

Will those empty posts be used against the loss of the 300?

How when the Defence Review recommended a reduction in RAF Regt are other trades losing numbers?

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.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and does

not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds no recorded information that would provide an answer to the questions 1-4 and 6-7 you have asked in your request.

There are currently approximately 270 gapped posts across Trade Group 8 RAF Regiment.

Under section 16 advice and assistance you may find it useful to know that no decisions have been made on RAF personnel numbers.

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 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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