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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 October 2021, in which you requested the following information:

*"Please could you provide statistics for males and females entering the RAF Pilot branch. Specifically, I would be grateful if you could provide data over the last 3 years:*

*For University Air Squadron (UAS) members applying for the RAF Pilot branch:*

1. *The number of applicants per year;*
2. *The number of candidates boarded at OASC per year;*
3. *The number of candidates enlisted into Phase 1 training per year."*

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 the information in scope of your request is held.

Please see table below in relation to questions 1 – 3 for the last three financial years:

University Air Squadron (UAS) applying for RAF Pilot Branch		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Number of applicants per financial year.	Total	340	330	270
	Male	300	280	240
	Female	40	50	30
Number of candidates boarded at Officer Aircrew & Selection Centre (OASC) per financial year.	Total	60	60	40
	Male	50	50	30
	Female	10	10	16
Number of candidates allocated to Phase 1 training per financial year.	Total	30	20	20
	Male	30	20	20
	Female	~	~	~

Caveats:

1. Includes all applicants who declared they attended UAS, both current at application submitting, and previous membership.
2. Tables are not necessarily inclusive; application and events may not have occurred in the same financial year.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data have been rounded to the nearest 10 and "~" denotes a number less than or equal to 5.

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this response.

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](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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