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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence of the 1 October 2023 requesting the following information:

I would like to know the current specific eyesight requirements for the roles of pilot, RPAS pilot, WSO and WSO. Using the sph, cyl and Snellen system.

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The eyesight requirements for the Professions that you requested are below:

Pilot (including Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Pilot):

6/12 corrected to 6/6 or better. -0.75DS to +1.75 DS +0.75DC

Weapons System Officer:

6/24 correcting to 6/6 or better. -2.00DC to +3.00DS +1,25 DC

Weapons System Operator:

6/24 correcting to 6/6 or better. -2.00DS to +3.00DS (ESE)

Glossary of Terms:

DS – Diopter Sphere

DC – Diopter Cylinder

ESE - Equivalent Spherical Error

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Yours sincerely,

{Electronically signed}

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