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Dear Mr Chaffin,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 December 2020, which requested the following information:

“Please confirm the disbandment date for 736 Naval Air Squadron operating the Hawk Tmk1/1a aircraft. In addition please provide details of how the 1,790hrs Annual Flying Task currently provided to the Royal Navy will be delivered.”

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

In response to your request, I can advise that 736 Naval Air Squadron is to disband on 30 September 2021 and 100 Squadron (Sqn) Royal Air Force will assume the Maritime tasking role from 1 October 2021. The allotted annual flying task of 1790 hours will continue and will be provided by 100 Sqn using the Hawk TMK1A aircraft.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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