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Dear Mr Williams,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 January 2019 in which you requested the following information:

- '1) The number of officers that have been commissioned into the royal navy that identify as Black (African)
- 2) The number of naval officers that identify as Black (African) that have successfully graduated from an operational conversion unit as pilots.
- 3) A breakdown of aircraft types that have been flown by officers that identify as Black (African), and the number that flew each type.'

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

Following our initial enquiries, it has become apparent that the Ministry of Defence requires further detail from you to determine the precise information you require. With regard to parts one, two and three of your request, the Department requires a specific timeframe from you for us to focus our searches on. Can you please confirm what the timeframe should be in relation to your request?

Under S.1(3) of the FOI Act, a Public Authority may refuse to respond to an FOI request where it requires further information in order to identify and locate the information requested. It will be necessary to close your enquiry under this reference number until we have received clarification as detailed above. Once the further information is received this will constitute a new request of which there will be a new 20 working day period to respond.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact this office 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, Zone D, 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 investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section