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Dear Ms Bloomfield

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 February 2019, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In your e-mail you clarified the following:

"Where I have originally requested data relating to aeronautical engineers, please provide data instead for officer branch of engineer.

In terms of benefits, I am interested to know about benefits in terms of subsidised housing, messing facilities, medical and dental treatment."

This is clarification in relation to your original request, as follows:

"I am writing to request Defence statistics (air) for the following:

- 1. Average and median lengths of service, separately for:*
 - a) RAF Officers*
 - b) RAF aeronautical engineers*
- 2. The average time taken for RAF commissioned officers and (separately) RAF aeronautical engineers to progress to each of the following ranks:*
 - a) flight lieutenant*
 - b) from flight lieutenant to squadron leader*
 - c) from squadron leader to wing commander*

3. The percentage chance of RAF officers and (separately) RAF aeronautical engineers, being promoted from each of the the following ranks:

- a) flight lieutenant*
- b) squadron leader*
- c) wing commander*

4. The percentage chance of RAF officers and (separately) aeronautical engineers, promotion into the following ranks, having achieved the preceding rank:

- a) flight lieutenant*
- b) squadron leader*
- c) wing commander*

5. The range of benefits available for the following ranks:

- a) flight lieutenant*
- b) squadron leader*
- c) wing commander”*

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

In answer to the first four questions of your request, please find at Annex A a career projection for a new entrant into the Engineering Branch and for all RAF Officer Branches.

In response to Question 5, please be advised that JSP 464: Tri Service Accommodation Regulations, which is the definitive policy for the provision of service family accommodation, single living accommodation and the substitute equivalents, can be found on the Government website at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsp-464-tri-service-accommodation-regulations-tsars>

With regard to medical and dental treatment, all RAF personnel, irrespective of rank, are afforded the same level of medical and dental care. Please find at Annex B the relevant extracts from Chapter 19 of Queen's Regulations for the RAF.

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,

Air Command Secretariat

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Annex A - Career projection for a New Entrant in the Engineering Branch and for all RAF Officer Branches

Annex B - Extracts from Queen's Regulations for the RAF, Chapter 19