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Dear Mr Whittaker,

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence on 19 April 2011, requesting information concerning Prince William's transfer from the Army to the RAF. This has been considered a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I have been asked to reply.

I can confirm that MOD holds information for the following question and I will deal with this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. HRH Prince William was transferred from the Army into the RAF, under which regulations was this permitted?

Answer: The information held in the scope of the request is an Air Publication. The relevant extract is attached and shows how personnel can transfer from another Service into the RAF. These regulations applied to the transfer of HRH Prince William.

The Act entitles you to receive any information held by the Department at the time your request was made subject to any exemptions that may apply. I can advise you that no recorded information is held which would provide an answer to the remaining question. This is because HRH Prince William did pass his RAF flying examinations and therefore it can not be speculated as to what would have happened had they been failed.

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 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 Head of Corporate Information, 2nd 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.

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Yours sincerely

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