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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 2 Jul 2020 14:32:21 +0000Authentication

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: 20200629-FP RPAS_Ash Ranges_Complaint-OS

Sensitivity: Normal

Attachments:

[20200629_RAF FPC_RPAS FOI Request_DTE SE-OS.pptx](#);

Hello,

Please see below confirmation that there were no drone flights on Ash Ranges in 2019 and as such no data is held. I have reattached the amended slide deck for the response and below answers.

full name (we will be redacted under Data protection)

- [REDACTED]

rank of operator

- Warrant Officer

affiliated organisaion (i.e. police Army, Navy, RAF etc)

- RAF

purpose for flight

- Pilot for deer survey and other conservation tasks
- Pilot for whether Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) can review range danger areas for public safety.

intended flight path, actual flight path and duration of flight for all flights of drones and any other automised vehicles & aircrafts for the period stated above

- All flight paths have been annotated on the following slides in flight order.
- All flight times varied between 10 – 25 Mins

(for satnav use)

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Due to covid-19 I am working from home until further notice.

In line with the latest guidance, I am working offline where possible to ease the pressure on the IT network, so I will only be checking emails and Skype periodically. This means I might not respond as promptly as usual, so if you need my attention more urgently, please call me on [REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]@mod.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 July 2020 14:41

To: [REDACTED]@mod.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@mod.gov.uk>

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Hi [REDACTED],

Yes that is correct and the wording looks fine to me.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

I'm sorry for the belt and braces approach. Just to put it in the language we will use in the response, I take it this means we can state that DIO has no records of any drone flights at Ash Range since 01/06/2019 except for those that took place on 22/23 June 2020?

We obviously appreciate the possibility that a user could have done so without us finding out, which is why we will focus on DIO records.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

Are you happy with this as confirmation that there was no drone flights in 2019?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (for satnav use [REDACTED])

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Sent: 02 July 2020 10:44
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[REDACTED],

Thanks.

Bethan – none in 2019 that we know of.

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[REDACTED]

Nothing in 2019 that I am aware of, I checked with SWT and confirmed that there drone flight was Nov 18 to look at winter clearance tasks.

Regards

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Ash RSO's: [ASH RSO's](#)

JSP 907: [JSP 907](#)

RAMS: [RAMS](#)

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Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED],

Just wanted to confirm that there were no drone flights at Ash range in 2019 as the original request asked for flights from Jan 2019? Acknowledged that there was only the two flights in 2020.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

See the e-trail below and the attached report from [REDACTED]. I believe they address all [REDACTED] questions in full but if they require more they should contact [REDACTED] direct.

Kind regards

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Importance: High

Dear Sir or Madam – good afternoon.

I write to inform you that my unit (the RAF FP Centre, based at RAF Honington) has been asked to contribute to the response to an FOI request. Key points:

- The FOI request has been submitted by a member of the public, following the submission of a **vexatious complaint** to DTE South East (– details **below**).
- The complaint is linked to Remote Piloted Air Systems activity, delivered by my personnel following a formal request for support submitted to the RAF FP Centre from DTE SE. No unauthorised activity took place.
- Having studied the detail at [LINK](#), I will respond directly to DTE SE (per the request below), who will likely pass the information onto the Tm. For coherence, I will cc your group email address.
- To promote awareness, I will also cc my chain of command at RAF Honington, and within the FP Force HQ.

Happy to discuss at your convenience.

Regards,

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