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Dear Mr Goodwin,

Thank you for your e-mail of 6 July asking for details of aircraft based at RAF Cranwell and RAF Wittering.

You requested the following information:

*".....a list of all aircraft currently based at RAF WITTERING and RAF CRANWELL complete with serials,squadron/flight and squadron code."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held and is shown below.

RAF Cranwell is currently the home base for the following military registered aircraft:

Squadron	Aircraft Type	Tail Code
5(AC) Sqn	Sentinel	ZJ690
5(AC) Sqn	Sentinel	ZJ691
5(AC) Sqn	Sentinel	ZJ692
5(AC) Sqn	Sentinel	ZJ693
5(AC) Sqn	Sentinel	ZJ694
14 Sqn	Shadow	ZZ416
14 Sqn	Shadow	ZZ417
14 Sqn	Shadow	ZZ418
14 Sqn	Shadow	ZZ419
14 Sqn	Shadow	ZZ504
45(R) Sqn	King Air B200	ZK451
45(R) Sqn	King Air B200	ZK452
45(R) Sqn	King Air B200	ZK455
45(R) Sqn	King Air B200	ZK456
45(R) Sqn	King Air B200	ZK458
45(R) Sqn	King Air B200	ZK459
45(R) Sqn	King Air B200	ZK460

RAF Cranwell is also home to the following flying squadrons; 57(Reserve) Squadron, 674 Squadron Army Air Corps and 703 Sqn Royal Naval Air Service. These units are training units and fly

contractor owned Grob Tutor light aircraft. Aircraft numbers and details vary and they are shared between the various units. They do not have military tail codes or squadron codes.

RAF Wittering is home to 16(Reserve) Squadron, 115(Reserve) Squadron, 5 Air Experience Flight, University of London Air Squadron and Cambridge University Air Squadron. As with RAF Cranwell, the aircraft are contractor owned and the aircraft do not have military tail codes or squadron codes.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that both 5(AC) Squadron and 14 Squadron are based at RAF Cranwell on a temporary basis whilst programmed repairs are undertaken to the runway at RAF Waddington. Also, whilst the number of Grob Tutor aircraft at both stations fluctuates according to service needs, typically there are 16 Grob Tutor aircraft permanently based at RAF Wittering and 18 at RAF Cranwell. The 45 (Reserve) Squadron King Air B200 aircraft are military registered but contractor owned. There is one civilian registered, contractor operated Beech King Air 350C aircraft at RAF Cranwell which is used for flying currency training.

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Yours sincerely,

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