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Dear Mr Mclachlan

Thank you for your e-mail to the Ministry of Defence website requesting “(a) In the last 3 years how many RAF personnel, broken down by rank, have been discharged from the RAF for failing to meet the RAF Fitness Test (RAFFT) standards or for failing to show a positive attitude towards the RAFFT, and (b) As of 1 Apr how many personnel, broken down by rank, based at RAF High Wycombe (including Air Command) have failed to take the RAFFT within the prescribed 6 monthly timescale i.e. how many are out of date”. I am writing to advise that your enquiry has been considered as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 and I have been asked to reply.

There have been 7 Senior Aircraftmen who have been discharged for failing the RAF Fitness Test or showing a negative attitude in the last 3 years throughout the RAF. As at 23 April 2010, the numbers of personnel based at RAF High Wycombe, including Air Command, who are recorded as failing to take the RAFFT, are in the table below. However, these figures will not be an accurate reflection because they will contain a number of personnel who have been medically downgraded but whose downgrade certificate has not yet been presented. Those on maternity leave or on detached duty and on post operational deployment leave may also appear to be out of date. Unfortunately it would be difficult to identify who these are and under the FOIA would exceed the cost limit.

| RANK   | NUMBER *     | * All these figures contain those out of date because they on maternity leave, detached duty or on post operational duty and medically downgraded personnel whose certificate has not yet been presented. |
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| Senior Aircraftman   | 18           |   |
| Corporal   | 19           |   |
| Sergeant   | 25           |   |
| Flight Sergeant  | 7            |   |
| Chief Technician   | Fewer than 5 |   |
| Warrant Officer  | 15           |   |
| Flying Officer   | Fewer than 5 |   |
| Flight Lieutenant  | 37           |   |
| Squadron Leader  | 64           |   |
| Wing Commander   | 36           |   |
| Group Captain  | 14           |   |
| Air Commodore  | Fewer than 5 |   |
| Air Vice Marshal   | Fewer than 5 |   |
| N.B. Numbers under 5 have not been listed to avoid possible identification |              |   |



If you are unhappy 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 Director of Information Exploitation, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [Info-XD@mod.uk](mailto:Info-XD@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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