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Dear MDE Young

Request for Information: Future of RAF Lyneham

Thank you for your enquiry dated 15 July 2010. This was passed to Defence Estates (DE), the Ministry of Defence (MOD) organisation responsible for managing the defence estate and has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Regarding the due closure of RAF Lyneham in 2012, you asked as to what use is to be made of the site and whether it is expected to retain its capabilities as an airfield.

I can confirm that the MOD holds information within the scope of your request.

It was announced on 4 July 2003 that RAF Lyneham would close by 2012 as a result of the future air transport and air-to-air refuelling fleets being collocated at RAF Brize Norton. Once vacated by the MOD, the future use of the site is a matter for the local planning authority. The MOD is in early discussions with the authority but it is too early to say what the future use of the land will be or whether its airfield capabilities will be retained.

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, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOxxxx@xxx.xx). 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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