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Dear Mr Gurtler

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 May requesting instructions issued by the Secretary of State for Defence to maximise revenue with a specific instruction to RAF Northolt. I am treating your e-mail as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that we do hold some information in scope of your request.

You have requested the following:

“I understand that the SofS for Defence in response to budget restraints has issued an instruction to the Department to maximise revenue. Please could I see this instruction?

In addition I understand there has been a specific instruction to RAF Northolt with regard to maximising revenue by increasing the number of civilian flights at the airfield. I would also like to see the instruction/advice that has been given in this regard and how this is to be implemented on the ground.”

I have been unable to trace any specific instruction issued by the Secretary of State for Defence to the Department to maximise revenue referred to in your request therefore I am unable to answer this part of your request.

The documents relevant to the second part of your request relating to RAF Northolt are attached. Please note personal details have been redacted in accordance with Section 40 of the FOI Act, “Information which is personal data whose release is governed by the Data Protection Act.” As this exemption is an absolute exemption, we are not required to assess the public interest for and against disclosure under the terms of the Act with regards to this information.



If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 **Deputy Chief Information Officer**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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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