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Dear Mr Dixon

Thank you for your email of 19 August 2019 requesting the following information:

"I am writing to request information regarding the amount of time a RAF TG17 NCO would spend on station duties in a 12 month period.

In particular, I would like detailed information on the average amount of time they would spend on guarding commitments and also the Duty Clk role."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. However, it is not possible to provide the information without exceeding the appropriate limit.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 24 hours effort in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

To identify, locate and extract the information you have requested it is estimated that it will amount to 5 days. This is because it would be necessary for personnel from a minimum of 36 Royal Air Force stations to interrogate their local records, the information you have requested is held centrally.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance within limit. For instance, if you refine your request to a specific RAF station. However, you may wish to note that this information may still be subject to the exemptions under the FOIA.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that there is no standard recording function for the information that you have requested. Each RAF station records the information in a format that meets their individual requirements.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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 Information Rights Compliance Team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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