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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of the 3 November 2016 requesting the following information:

I would like the number of flying hours for the following aircraft types in service with the UK MoD for the years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16:

1. Typhoon
2. Tornado GR4
3. C-130J
4. C-17
5. E-3 Sentry
6. R-1 Sentinel
7. Hawk trainer
8. Chinook (all models – if broken down, fine)
9. Apache
10. Merlin Mk2
11. Merlin Mk3/4 (depends when you mark Mk4 as entering service)
12. Puma
13. RN Lynx/Lynx Wildcat – a breakdown between the two if available
14. AAC Lynx/Lynx Wildcat – a breakdown between the two if available

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 within the scope of your request is held.

See the table below:

Aircraft	Flying Hours*		
	13/14	14/15	15/16
Typhoon	16,970	17,550	19,650
Tornado GR4	15,040	14,390	14,340
C-130	13850	13,690	13,640
C-17	8660	8780	7560
E-3 SENTRY	2070	2270	2190
R-1 SENTINEL	3680	2260	2230
HAWK TRAINER	17020	17350	16170


CHINOOK	13,950	11900	10520
APACHE	15,340	11090	8000
MERLIN Mk2	1830	4500	5260
MERLIN Mk3 /4	5520	4160	3240
PUMA	1220	4170	5280
RN LYNX	7880	6090	3410
LYNX WILDCAT	860	1640	2640
AAC LYNX	9650	6540	3840
LYNX WILDCAT	1250	2160	3120

*Flying hours are rounded to the nearest ten.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd 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.

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Yours sincerely


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