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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent email in which you asked various questions regarding the Red Arrows. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I am responding on behalf of Headquarters Air Command who has responsibility for the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team (RAFAT), commonly known as the Red Arrows and I will answer your questions in turn.

You have asked the following questions:

- **How many civilian personnel does the team comprise of?**

There are 2 civilian posts in the RAFAT, consisting of a public relations manager and a public relations officer.

- **What is the value of the Red Arrows aircraft assets?**

There are 13 Hawk aircraft dedicated to the RAFAT with a current value of approximately £2.5 Million.

- **How much money is spent on aviation fuel per year or per month for the Red Arrows?**

The budget on aviation fuel for the Financial Year 2009/10 is approximately £1.2 Million.

- **What is the budget for the Red Arrows?**

The budget for the RAFAT for the Financial Year 2009/10 is approximately £ 6.1 Million (including service personnel costs).

I have been unable to read the last part of your email. Unfortunately your email was corrupted and I have been unable to interpret your last question. If you would like to send me another email if you require any further information, then I will be very happy to try and assist you.



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Yours sincerely

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent email in which you asked various questions regarding the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I am responding on behalf of Headquarters Air Command which has responsibility for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF), I will answer your questions in turn.

You have asked the following questions:

- **How much money does the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF), based at RAF Coningsby, cost to operate?**

The cost of operating the BBMF in Financial Year 2008/2009 was in the region of £1.9 Million. This figure consists of items such as salaries, travel and subsistence and training costs of BBMF personnel.

- **Are there any plans to close the (BBMF) at any point?**

We have no plans to close the BBMF.

- **Is it being looked as part of cost cuts?**

The BBMF is not being reviewed as part of any cost saving measures.

- **Where does funding come from? How much does the MOD contribute?**

Funding is provided by the Ministry of Defence who contributed £1.9 Million in Financial Year 2008/2009.



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- **What is the budget for staff, both civilian and military?**

The salaries in Financial Year 2008/2009 for personnel working directly for the BBMF based at RAF Coningsby were:

Civilian £76,088.11

RAF £1,445,281.40

- **How many civilian people work there? How many military personnel work there?**

A total of 44 military and 3 civilian personnel who are based at RAF Coningsby work for the BBMF. Additionally, a number of other personnel support the BBMF based at other units.

- **How much is spent on repairs? What is the cost of maintaining each aircraft, with an individual breakdown?**

A number of areas within the Ministry of Defence incur repair and maintenance expenditure for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF). However we do not hold the financial information relating to BBMF aircraft repairs in the format that you have requested. The logistic support costs that can be directly attributed to the 12 BBMF aircraft in financial year 2008/2009 were £1.6 Million.

- **Would there be any possibility of the BBMF becoming a privately funded organisation?**

There is no possibility of the BBMF being privately funded.

- **Is it being considered to move the BBMF to RAF Scampton or any other base?**

There are no plans to relocate the BBMF to another base.

You may be interested to know that further information about the BBMF can also be found at <http://www.raf.mod.uk/bbmf/>.

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