

Finance and Corporate Services
Information Management

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FOIA reference: F0001602

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 22 July 2013, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

“Is it possible to obtain data in relation to a bird strike which occurred to an aircraft in 2011? The flight number was TOM2417 on 15TH September 2011. This flight ran the service between Palma and Manchester. If it is possible could I have confirmation of any bird strikes on that route upto 24 hours prior to that flight date on that route also. The only information I require is either a confirmation that a bird strike/s happened or did not”.

Our response:

In assessing your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are pleased to be able to provide the information below.

Incident reports are provided to the CAA under the terms of the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR) scheme, as described under Article 226 of the Air Navigation Order 2009 (ANO). Each report made is reviewed and, where appropriate, further investigation carried out and action taken.

If an aircraft suffers a birdstrike which results in damage to the aircraft or loss or malfunction of any essential service, this would be such an occurrence which should be reported under the scheme.

We have therefore searched the UK CAA database for all reportable occurrences that have involved bird strikes during the period 14 September 2011 to 15 September 2011 inclusive for flights between Palma and Manchester regardless of operator name, and confirm that the CAA does not hold any such reports.

As well as the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting scheme as described above, any aircraft commander flying in UK airspace who believes his aircraft has collided with one or more birds will have to inform the Civil Aviation Authority where the data is collected on a separate database to improve the existing knowledge base of birdstrike events in the UK.

Civil Aviation Authority

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We can confirm that the CAA does not hold a report of a birdstrike between the dates 14 September 2011 to 15 September 2011 whilst in UK airspace either en route to Palma from Manchester or en route to Manchester from Palma.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
West Sussex
RH6 0YR

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The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

Should you wish to make further Freedom of Information requests, please use the e-form at <http://www.caa.co.uk/foi>.

Yours sincerely

Rick Chatfield
Information Rights and Enquiries Officer

CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.