

Finance and Corporate Services
Information Management

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Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 5 December 2013, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

"I would like to obtain the following information under The Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- A monthly breakdown since 2012 of the number of helicopters travelling to and from oil rigs based in the North Sea have broken down - due to ENGINE OR GEARBOX FAILURE - before take-off.*
- The number of requests following a breakdown, for a replacement helicopter to then be provided to the platform*

NOTE - In relation to the above requests, I am only interested in models Sikorsky S-92 and Super Puma Eurocopter used to transport people to and from oil rigs".

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.

1. We have searched the UK CAA database for reportable occurrences involving the engine, main rotor gearbox or tail rotor gearbox, prior to the take-off phase of flight, of S92, AS332 or EC225 Helicopters which were potentially destined for an off-shore oil rig. The search identified two reports, one on the 21 April 2012 and one on the 17 May 2012. Of those reports, one states the planned arrival destination as an off-shore oil rig, the other has been submitted without route information.

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2. The CAA is generally not provided with this information however on one of the reports mentioned above, the report has specified that the aircraft returned to service post inspection.

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
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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.