Corporate Communications

External Information Services



24 January 2015 Reference: F0002208

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 27 January 2015 for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

- 1. How many 'near miss' incidents have been reported over UK over the past 12 months?
- 2. How many 'near miss' have been reported over UK airspace over the past 24 months?
- 3. How many 'near miss' have been reported over UK airspace in 2013?
- 4. How many 'near miss' incidents have been reported over UK airspace in 2014?
- 5. Could you please provide details of all these incidents?

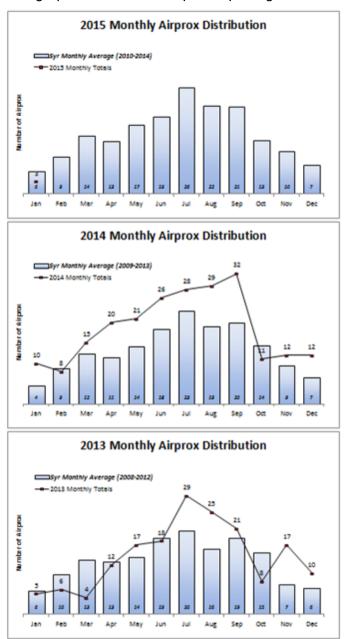
Our response:

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

The UK Airprox Board (UKAB) collects reports of Airprox incidents and produces a regular review of assessed Airprox incidents.

- 1. In the 12 months to 27 January 2015, there were 217 Airprox incidents reported in UK Airspace.
- 2. In the 24 months to 27 January 2015 there were 394 Airprox incidents reported in UK Airspace.
- 3. There were 172 Airprox incidents reported in UK Airspace in 2013.
- 4. There were 224 Airprox incidents reported in UK Airspace in 2014.
- 5. Details of every Airprox incident assessed from 2013 onwards can be found on the UKAB website at www.airproxboard.org.uk under the section 'Reports and Analysis' within the appropriate year.

The graphs below show Airprox reporting trends:



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:-

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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 FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=286&pagetype=65&appid=24.

Yours sincerely

William Pounder

Information Rights 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.