

20 October 2015
Reference: F0002486

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 22 September 2015 for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

1. Could I please get a copy of the report on each drone-related Airprox incident you have on file?

If this will take too long for you to compile, could I just get the reports from the last three years to date?

2. I'm particularly interested in those Airprox incidents involving drones which have been reviewed by the UK Airprox Board. Could you include the board's report or decision with each of these?

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), which is sponsored jointly by the CAA and the UK Military Aviation Authority, collects reports of airprox incidents and produces a regular review of assessed airprox incidents.

UKAB records of airprox incidents involving drones were not comprehensive before 2014 because details of unknown air vehicles were simply recorded as 'unknown' principally because the reporters themselves have not been specific. Since 2014, more comprehensive recording of drone airprox has been conducted.

The table below shows airprox incidents reported as involving drones since 2013. It also includes those reported as involving an unidentified or untraced 'model aircraft' or object.

Airprox No	Aircraft 1	Aircraft 2
2014021	Merlin	Desert Hawk UAV
2014073	ATR72-500	Quadcopter
2014117	A320	Unidentified model helicopter
2014118	Merlin	Unknown Cylindrical object
2014187	Gyroplane	Untraced Model/UAV
2014194	AW 139	Unknown UAV
2014198	Paraglider	Quadcopter
2014233	E135	Drone
2015017	PA28	Untraced Model Aircraft
2015024	A320	Drone
2015046	EC30	Drone
2015049	DHC8-400	Drone
2015052	B752	Drone
2015054	Lynx	Drone
2015073	A321	Drone
2015082	B757-236	Drone
2015084	Vans RV6A	Drone
2015086	Cavalon Gyroplane	Drone Phantom FPV Flying Wing
2015096	EV97 Eurostar	Quadcopter
2015106	RJ1H	Drone

Details of each Airprox can be found on the UKAB website at <http://www.airproxboard.org.uk/default.aspx?catid=423&pagetype=90&pageid=5639> - each report can be downloaded from the relevant year's listings under the 'Reports and Analysis' section.

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:-

Caroline Chalk
 Head of External Information Services
 Civil Aviation Authority
 Aviation House
 Gatwick Airport South
 Gatwick
 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 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Stevens'.

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager

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.