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Date: 29 April 2024
Reference: F0006802

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 18 April 2024, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). For reference your original enquiry was as follows:

During Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, overflights had stopped from 7th October 2001, and did not recommence until some time in 2003-2004. British Airways had stopped the London Heathrow to Dhaka Bangladesh route during this period. British Airways flew the route again after 2003-2004 to 2008. Please confirm the dates route did not operate over this period and afterwards

Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the CAA holds information within scope of the above enquiry.

The CAA publishes monthly and annual punctuality statistics which include the number of flights by route and airline. From these datasets the periods of operation between Heathrow and Dhaka Bangladesh can be determined.

To calculate total flights, sum the following fields:

actual_flights_unmatched and **number_flights_matched**.

Files can be viewed and downloaded from CAA website and covers the period of interest, 2001 to 2008 and up to the latest February 2024 from the following links:

<https://www.caa.co.uk/data-and-analysis/uk-aviation-market/flight-punctuality/uk-flight-punctuality-statistics/2023/>

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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:-

FOI.Requests@caa.co.uk

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House, Beehive Ring Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH6 0YR. www.caa.co.uk

Email: foi.requests@caa.co.uk

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 out below. A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

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
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at FOI - Freedom of Information (caa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
Information Rights Specialist

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.

