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Dear XXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 June 2010 which has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request has been passed to my department and I have been asked to respond.

You requested the following information:

**“I have been tasked by the Merseyside Probation Trust to better develop the way we manage Service or ex-Service personnel who offend and are given a custodial or community sentence. As part of this project, I need to build a set of statistics and would greatly appreciate if you could let me know what the annual recruitment figures are for the Merseyside area. If this could be broken down into figures for the Army, RN, RAF and RM’s that would be very useful.”**

Unfortunately, the information is not stored in the format requested. However, in order to give an indication of the number of people that may have been recruited from the Merseyside area we have compiled recruitment statistics from the Army Career Information Offices (ACIO) and Armed Forces Career Offices (AFCO) in the North West in the tables below. This information will not provide a comprehensive picture of the recruitment of individuals from Merseyside as it does not include those who may have chosen to join through AFCO’s elsewhere or through other means, such as the internet.

Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Army Officer recruitment figures are not provided as these individuals tend to be recruited through a wider variety of means.

<b>Royal Navy Ratings &amp; Royal Marines Other Ranks</b>	
<b>Figures include transfers and re-entrants, but exclude entrants to the Maritime Reserves.</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>AFCO Liverpool (RN)</b>	188
<b>Royal Navy St Helens</b>	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>245</b>

<b>Army – Other Ranks</b>		
(Financial Years)	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
<b>ACIO Birkenhead</b>	106	89
<b>ACIO Lancaster</b>	97	80
<b>AFCO Liverpool</b>	209	147
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>316</b>

<b>Royal Air Force – Officers &amp; Airmen</b>	
	<b>2009</b>
<b>AFCO Liverpool (RAF)</b>	248
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248</b>

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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