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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 25 November 2014 requesting statistical information on Naval Airman (Aircraft Handlers). Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department is able to provide you with the information requested which is attached at the annex to this letter.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

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All figures based on Trained Regular personnel and paid rank

1. The Chances of Survival for NA (AH) from Year of Service 0 to Year of Service 25.

	Start length of Service	New Entrant	0
Chance of Achieving Length of Service	0	81%	100%
	1	74%	91%
	2	73%	90%
	3	69%	85%
	4	59%	73%
	5	52%	64%
	6	43%	53%
	7	38%	46%
	8	35%	43%
	9	33%	40%
	10	30%	36%
	11	28%	35%
	12	26%	31%
	13	22%	27%
	14	20%	25%
	15	19%	23%
	16	17%	21%
	17	16%	20%
	18	16%	19%
	19	16%	19%
	20	14%	17%
	21	14%	17%
	22	11%	14%
	23	10%	12%
	24	8%	10%
	25	6%	7%

2. The average progression rates for NA (AH) Ratings from AB2 up to and including WO1.

Expected Length of Service in Rank		
Paid Rank	Expected LOS in rank	Expected LOS on promotion to the rank
OR-2	4.7	
OR-4	7.7	6.4
OR-6	7.5	15.1
OR-7	4.2	22.4
OR-9	4.1	28.4

3. The chances of promotion for NA (AH) Ratings from AB2 to each subsequent rank up to and including WO1.

		% Chance of Promotion					
		Start Paid Rank					
		OR2	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9
Chance of promotion to before leaving the Service	OR4	30%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	OR6	16%	59%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	OR7	7%	25%	47%	100%	100%	100%
	OR8	2%	7%	15%	40%	100%	100%
	OR9	2%	7%	15%	40%	0%	100%

4. The current NA(AH) Branch Structure showing the number of Ratings in each paid rank from AB2 up to and including WO1. Based on Trained Regular Personnel at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

Paid Rank	NATO	Count
AB	OR2	230
Leading Hand	OR4	100
Petty officer	OR6	40
Chief Petty Officer	OR7	20
Warrant Officer 1	OR9	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>400</b>

All totals are rounded in accordance with the Defence Statistics rounding policy; therefore totals may not equal the sum of their parts. All numbers are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid bias.