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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 8 January requesting the following information:

'Could you please tell me the average/ballpark figure cost of training soldiers in the following categories from basic training to completion of trade training:

REME Recovery mechanics

Royal Signals Communication System Operators

Infantry Soldiers

RLC Driver?

Further, can you provide a comprehensive table of higher and lower pay band trades throughout the army?'

1) Such costs are not collected as a matter of course, but estimated full costs per recruit have been produced for RLC Drivers and Infantry soldiers, and are as follows:

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Total
	£k	£k	£k
Infantry	17	17	34
RLC Driver	21	18	39

2) Pay scales for the Armed Forces in 2013 and 2014 are shown at Appendix 1 of 'Armed Forces' Pay Review Body 43rd Report 2014', available at the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/288713/AFPRB_Report_43rd_2014.pdf

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat