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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 23 October 2016 requesting the following information:

"I would like to make a FOI request; this query is based on the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Monthly Personnel Situation Report for 1 September 2016.

1) Regarding the information provided in Table 7a (Trained Regular Royal Navy and Royal Marines Length of Service by Rank); can you provide the 'LOS on promotion' and 'Current LOS' for RN Ratings by Rank but broken down by Branch and, if possible, Specialisation?

2) Regarding the information provided in Table 3b (Trained Regular Royal Navy and Royal Marines Rating Strengths and Liability by Branch and Paid Rank); can you provide a breakdown of the Engineering (General Service) data, detailed by Specialisation?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. I can advise that we are unable to provide all of the information you have requested in point 1) without exceeding the appropriate limit.

I have therefore provided information on length of service on promotion and current length of service broken down by branch, but not specialisation, in tables 1 and 2 below. I hope that you find this information useful.

1. Average Length of Service on promotion to the rank in years for Trained Regular Ratings as at 1 Sep 2016

	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9
RN Engineer FAA	7.3	11.7	18.4	N/A	26.1
RN Engineer GS	6.9	13.1	19.0	22.3	24.4
RN Engineer SM	6.0	12.0	18.0	16.9	27.8
RN Logistics GS	7.9	13.4	20.6	N/A	27.1
RN Logistics SM	9.1	13.1	19.9	N/A	28.3
RN Medical GS	7.9	12.4	15.4	N/A	21.9
RN Medical SM	6.9	10.1	17.2	N/A	N/A
RN QARNNS	4.3	13.0	13.0	N/A	17.9
RN Warfare FAA	8.2	13.3	18.5	N/A	29.1
RN Warfare GS	7.7	13.3	19.5	N/A	24.6
RN Warfare SM	9.2	14.4	26.0	N/A	26.7

2. Average Length of Service in years for Trained Regular Ratings as at 1 Sep 2016

	OR2	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9
RN Engineer FAA	4.4	9.7	16.2	21.6	22.4	28.6
RN Engineer GS	3.5	9.4	15.3	19.8	25.8	28.3
RN Engineer SM	4.1	8.6	15.6	21.5	23.0	29.8
RN Logistics GS	5.3	11.6	16.6	23.2	N/A	29.2
RN Logistics SM	6.1	11.4	15.3	24.0	N/A	27.2
RN Medical GS	5.7	9.8	13.7	18.1	N/A	26.4
RN Medical SM	4.7	8.5	13.3	24.9	N/A	23.0
RN QARNNS	9.0	6.1	13.4	15.6	N/A	24.4
RN Warfare FAA	4.7	11.0	15.6	22.9	N/A	30.1
RN Warfare GS	3.9	10.6	15.8	21.8	31.4	28.4
RN Warfare SM	4.6	11.8	16.7	25.0	N/A	31.1

With regards to your request at point 2) for a *breakdown of the Engineering (General Service) data, detailed by Specialisation is given in table 3 I have provided data on the trained regular strength for Engineering General Service, broken down by specialisation.*

I have not provided liability data by rank and specialisation and am withholding this under section 26 of the Act. Section 26(1)(b) covers information that would prejudice or would be likely to prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of any relevant forces and has therefore been applied to this information because it contains details which are operationally sensitive. Total liability for the branch can be found in tables 2b and 3b of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Monthly Personnel Situation Report.

3. Trained Regular Strength for Engineering General Service as at 1 Sep 2016

	OR2	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9	Grand Total
Eng Technician (Weapon Engineers)	720	480	370	370	10	130	2080
Eng Technician (Marine Engineers)	740	490	340	260	~	170	1990
Marine Engineer Mechanic	-	-	10	50	-	30	100
Weapon Engineer Mechanic	-	-	10	20	-	10	30
Grand Total	1460	970	720	700	20	330	4200

Notes

Substantive Rank is used for table 1, paid rank for tables 2 and 3. This is to reflect the data in the publication referenced in the request.

Tables 1 and 2 are split by branch. Table 3 is split by specialisation

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, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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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