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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2017 requesting the following information regarding the number and type of posts for RA soldiers currently available in Canada:

For 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:

1. What established posts were there for RA soldiers of Gnr to WO1 rank inclusive to serve in Canada for periods in excess of 2 years?
2. Were specific RA trades or qualifications necessary for each of these posts?
3. What was the tour length of each of these posts?
4. Are/were there any additional E2 or E1.5 posts that RA soldiers could have filled in Army wide competition in Canada?
5. If so, what were these posts and what was the designated tour length?
6. Are the number of longer (in excess of 2 years) exchange/seconded posts of this nature expected to remain constant or to increase or decrease in the foreseeable future.

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

The information you have requested is shown below in Annex A.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex A

For 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017

Q1. What established posts were there for RA soldiers of Gnr to WO1 rank inclusive to serve in Canada for periods in excess of 2 years?

None. There is one permanent RA post in Canada, WO1 Master Gunner, which is filled on a two year tour. However for service reasons the current incumbent has exceptionally been posted for a three year tour.

Q2. Were specific RA trades or qualifications necessary for each of these posts?

The WO1 Master Gunner post requires a qualified Gunnery Instructor.

Q3. What was the tour length of each of these posts?

The WO1 Master Gunner post has a two year tour length.

Q4. Are/were there any additional E2 or E1.5 posts that RA soldiers could have filled in Army wide competition in Canada?

Yes.

Q5. If so, what were these posts and what was the designated tour length?

Post	Tour Length
Tech Stmn Adv QM Tech Dept	24 months
DIO Storeman	24 months
Storeman Tec AT Det	24 months
URS Storeman QM	24 months
BOWMAN Acct	24 months
USS Accts	24 months
Accommodation Sgt	24 months
SQMS RSCG	24 months
Trg Team NCO	24 months
BOWMAN Manager	24 months
CQMS	24 months
WO Trg RSCG	24 months
RQMS	24 months
Estate Manager	24 months
RSM	24 months

No information is held prior to 2015.

Q6. Are the number of longer (in excess of 2 years) exchange/seconded posts of this nature expected to remain constant or to increase or decrease in the foreseeable future.

Not known at this time.