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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 30 October in which you requested the following information:

I can confirm that my request refers to all officers in the Armed Forces who have graduated from their specific training establishment - namely Sandhurst for Army officers, the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth for Naval officers, the Commando Training Centre in Lympstone for Royal Marines officers and the RAF College in Cranwell for RAF officers.

Following a request for clarification, you confirmed on 4 November:

I would like figures from 2010-15 if possible, below is my original request which gives a possible format for providing the answer.

- 1) The total numbers of 2014 Sandhurst graduates who were educated at state-funded schools as opposed to independent schools - independent meaning those not receiving state funding, also known as private schools or public schools.
- 2) Where graduates attended more than one type of school or sixth form college (ie both state and independent) during their education from 11-18 years old, please indicate this on the information provided
- 3) The service each graduate belonged to: Army, Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Marines etc This is an example of how my answer might be presented:

	Army	Navy	Air Force	Royal Marines	Other - please specify	TOTAL
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State school educated only						
Independent/private school educated only						
Mix of state and independent/private schools						
TOTAL						

4) The same for 2013

5) The same for 2012

6) The same for 2011

7) The same for 2010

8) The same for 2015, where figures are available If my request is denied in whole or in part, I would ask that you justify all refusals by reference to the relevant exemptions in the FoI Act. Please confirm receipt of this email. If you need any more information or there is a problem with this request, please let me know.

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that the MOD does hold some recorded information within the scope of your request.

The Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force have confirmed that they do not record information on the type of school attended by graduates.

The Army have been able to provide the following information regarding Sandhurst graduates based on data recorded against training years. However, the Army only record information in relation to last school attended:

Training Year *	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 **
State	350	360	340	230	260	160
Independent	230	250	290	300	260	170

* - Training years run April to March

** - to date


Please note. in accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data all numbers have been rounded; 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 systemic bias.

I hope that this response will be helpful to you.

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, 1st 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,


Defence People Secretariat