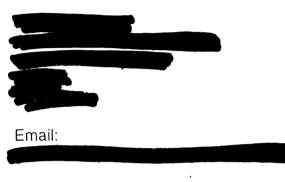


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Dear

Thank you for your letter of 23 July to the Defence Business Services Secretariat team requesting information on Armed Forces historical careers and earnings as specified in Annex A.

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

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any data within the scope of your request. In particular, please could you clarify what specific basic training you are referring to. It would also be helpful if you could clarify if you require information on Officers or Other Ranks or both.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If may be helpful if I explain that the average Armed Forces salaries have been previously published in the **UK Defence Statistics (UKDS)** compendium publications. Historic issues of this publication are available on the National Archives website at the following link:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/index.php/publications/UK-defence-statistics-compendium

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Dear Sirs

Further to the below email chain I now submit a formal request for information under provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This statistical information is required to enable the quantification of hypothetical historic careers and earnings. I don't believe this information is contained within the publication information on your website.

I am seeking the following statistical information which you will note is the same for each of the UK Forces:

British Army

- What were the minimum service periods in the Army, assuming entry in 1975 and each year thereafter, to date (assuming minimum service periods did not alter often, only the relevant dates and minimum service periods are requested).
- What was the length of basic training/Phase 1 training assuming entry at age 16 or 17 years old, in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
- What was the length of basic training/Phase 1 training assuming entry at 18 years old, in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
- What were the average lengths of service in the Army assuming entry in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980.
- What were the average ranks achieved/ what was the average path of promotion during the average length of service, assuming entry in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 (please include the average timescales for reaching each rank/promotion stage during this period)
- What were the average net earnings/salaries for each of those ranks, from 1975 to date.

Royal Navy

- What were the minimum service periods in the Navy, assuming entry in 1975 and each year thereafter, to date (assuming minimum service periods did not alter often, only the relevant dates and minimum service periods are requested).
- What was the length of basic training/Phase 1 training assuming entry at age 16 or 17 years old, in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
- What was the length of basic training/Phase 1 training assuming entry at 18 years old, in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
- What were the average lengths of service in the Navy assuming entry in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980.
- What were the average ranks achieved/ what was the average path of promotion during the average length of service, assuming entry in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 (please include the average timescales for reaching each rank/promotion stage during this period)
- What were the average net earnings/salaries for each of those ranks, from 1975 to date.

Royal Air Force

- What were the minimum service periods in the RAF, assuming entry in 1975 and each year thereafter, to date (assuming minimum service periods did not alter often, only the relevant dates and minimum service periods are requested).
- What was the length of basic training/Phase 1 training assuming entry at age 16 or 17 years old, in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
- What was the length of basic training/Phase 1 training assuming entry at 18 years old, in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
- What were the average lengths of service in the RAF assuming entry in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980.
- What were the average ranks achieved/ what was the average path of promotion during the average length of service, assuming entry in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 (please include the average timescales for reaching each rank/promotion stage during this period)
- What were the average net earnings/salaries for each of those ranks, from 1975 to date.

Royal Marines

- What were the minimum service periods in the Marines, assuming entry in 1975 and each year thereafter, to date (assuming minimum service periods did not alter often, only the relevant dates and minimum service periods are requested).
- What was the length of basic training/Phase 1 training assuming entry at age 16 or 17 years old, in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
- What was the length of basic training/Phase 1 training assuming entry at 18 years old, in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
- What were the average lengths of service in the Marines assuming entry in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980.
- What were the average ranks achieved/ what was the average path of promotion during the average length of service, assuming entry in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 (please include the average timescales for reaching each rank/promotion stage during this period)
- What were the average net earnings/salaries for each of those ranks, from 1975 to date.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that my email has been received by the correct department.

Regards

