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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 21 July in which you requested the following information:

*How many Army chefs were phase 2 trained annually from 2007 to 2012?*

*How many Army chefs with Years of Service (YoS) 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are currently serving?*

*Of those in YoS 7, 8 and 9 how many are Pte, LCpl or Cpl?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. 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 and can be found below:

1. How many Army chefs were phase 2 trained annually from 2007 – 2012?

Financial Year	Army Chefs who Completed Phase 2 training
Total	530
2007/08	50
2008/09	70
2009/10	165
2010/11	165
2011/12	50
2012/13	30

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

2. How many Army chefs with Yos 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are currently serving?

3. Of those in YoS 7, 8 and 9 how many are Pte, LCpl or Cpl?

Rank	Total	Length of Service (Years)					
		5	6	7	8	9	10
Total	320	50	20	80	80	30	60
SSgt	-	-	-	-	-	~	-
Sgt	-	-	-	-	~	-	~
Cpl	50	-	-	~	5	10	30
LCpl	180	25	10	50	50	20	30
Pte	90	25	10	20	30	~	~

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

#### Notes/Caveats

- Figures are for trained Regular strengths only and therefore exclude Full Time Reserve Service and Gurkhas but include those individuals who have transferred from Ghurkha Trained Adult Male and UK Trained Adult Personnel.
- The data has been rounded to the nearest 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality. Totals have been rounded to 10.
- Totals and sub-totals have been rounded to the nearest 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality. Totals have been rounded to 10.
- Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.
- “~” fewer than 5.
- “-“ denotes zero or rounded to zero.
- The figures exclude personnel whose length of service was under 5 years or was 11 or more years.
- Length of service (LoS) has been calculated using entry date. There are known problems with the entry date information extracted from JPA which is supposed to reflect their ‘current entry date’ but if personnel have transferred to the Army from another Service, served under an alternative assignment type (e.g. reserve forces), are re-entrants or have transferred from Other Ranks to Officer, their entry date may correspond to any of these events. The resulting LoS may reflect their current period of service, include previous service, or it may be the time that has elapsed since they first joined the Armed Forces, irrespective of any break in service.

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Yours sincerely,

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