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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2016 requesting the following information:

*"For the past 7 years:*

- 1. The chances of survival for all RM Commandos from year of service 0 to year of service 25*
- 2. The average progression rates for Royal Marine General Service Commandos, from Marine up to and including WO1*
- 3. The chances of a Royal Marine General Service Commando securing service beyond 22 years (extended service)*
- 4. The chances of a Royal Marine General Service Commando securing a Corps Commission"*

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.

The information you have requested can be found below

**1. The chance of achieving length of service, as a percentage, in years, for a new entrant to Royal Marines Other Ranks General Service**

<b>Length of Service (LOS)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Chance of Achieving this LOS</b>
0	66%
1	56%
2	53%
3	52%
4	47%
5	41%
6	38%
7	33%
8	29%
9	26%
10	24%
11	22%
12	20%
13	18%
14	17%
15	15%
16	14%
17	13%
18	13%
19	12%
20	12%
21	11%
22	8%
23	7%
24	6%
25	5%

**2. Average progression rates for Royal Marines General Service starting from Marine (OR-2)**

<b>Target Rank</b>	<b>Percentage Chance of Promotion to Rank</b>
OR-3	23%
OR-4	23%
OR-6	14%
OR-7	10%
OR-8	6%
OR-9	2%

**3. The chance of a Royal Marines General Service Commando achieving 22 years Length of Service before leaving is 10.9%**

**4. The Chance of a Royal Marines General Service Commando securing a Corps Commission (promotion to an officer rank) is 2.5%**

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Length of service in table 1 is represented by how many full years have been completed when the service person leaves i.e. in year 0, 34% fail to complete a full year (100% - 66% = 34%).

The figures above are produced using a career forecast tool which is based on historic data from April 2008 to April 2015.

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Yours sincerely,

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