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Email: [REDACTED]

16 May 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 April 2017 requesting the following information:

I would like to know the number of 18 year old candidates that have been given offers of service, (and subsequently invited to attend Initial Officer Training at RAF Cranwell) as a commissioned officer in the Royal Air Force, over the past 5 years. Please could you break this information down, with approximate figures for each of those years? In addition to this, please could you clarify for me how many of these candidates were successful in IOT, and went on to pass out as commissioned officers?

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in the table below.

Officer Intake Year	Number entrants to IOT aged 18 years	Number of these entrants who successfully completed IOT
2012/2013	~	~
2013/2014	~	0
2014/2015	10	~
2015/2016	10	10
2016/2017	10	10

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data has been rounded to the nearest 10, where “~” denotes a number less than or equal to 5.

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Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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