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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 3 October in which you requested the following information:

*A list of Senior Officers of the British Armed forces, including the following information: i) their current post iii) their socio-economic background iv) whether they attended a fee-paying school v) whether they attended university and whether they were the first in their family to attend University vi) whether they attended Oxford or Cambridge University*

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. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, as it is already in the public domain in our Annual Personnel Report publication, found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-armed-forces-annual-manning-statistics-index> Table 1 shows the Strength of UK Regular Forces by Rank Structure at 1 April 2014. In regard to the remaining questions, the Department does not hold information about socio-economic background or education.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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 Personnel Secretariat