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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 20 July 2017 requesting the following information regarding Late Entry (LE) Commissions in the Infantry:

Q1. By rank and regiment for the last five years:

- a. The number of applicants by rank.
- b. The number of vacancies.

Q2. The projected LE Commission vacancies for 2017 and subsequent years.

Q3. The promotion chances and average times of promotion for LE Commissions in the Infantry and SCOTS.

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

The information you have requested is only available from 2013. The requested information at Q1 for 2013 to 2016 is shown in the table at Annex A attached. The answer to Qs 2 and 3 are:

Q2. The projected LE Commission vacancies for 2017 and subsequent years.

The number of applicants for LE Commission in 2017 is included in the table at Annex A. However as the LE Commission Board will not sit until September 2017, the number selected for this year is not known. The projected number for subsequent years is not known.

Q3. The promotion chances and average times of promotion for LE Commissions in the Infantry and Scots.

The promotion chances (based on the 2013 to 2016 data) for an LE Commission in the Infantry is 62.9% and for SCOTS it is 60%. The average times of promotion is not held.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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

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Annex A

- Late Entry Commissions in the Infantry by rank and regiment for 2013 to 2016:
 - The number of applicants by rank
 - The number of vacancies – the number of vacancies for each year is not held but the number selected is provided.

2013 Unit	Applicants			Selected		
	WO1	WO2	TOTAL	WO1	WO2	TOTAL
1 Coldstream Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Grenadier Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Irish Guards	~	~	~	-	-	-
1 Scots Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Welsh Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Mercian Regiment	10	~	10	~	-	~
Parachute Regiment	10	-	10	~	-	~
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Anglian Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Welsh	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Gurkha Rifles	~	10	10	~	~	~
Rifles	10	~	10	10	-	10
Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	~	-	~	~	-	~
Small Arms School Corps	10	-	10	~	-	~
Royal Regiment of Scotland (SCOTS)	10	-	10	~	-	~
Yorkshire Regiment	10	~	10	~	-	~
Total	70	20	80	40	~	40

2014 Unit	Applicants			Selected		
	WO1	WO2	TOTAL	WO1	WO2	TOTAL
1 Grenadier Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Irish Guards	~	~	10	~	~	10
1 Royal Irish	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Scots Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Welsh Guards	~	~	~	~	-	~
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Mercian Regiment	~	~	~	~	-	~
Parachute Regiment	10	~	10	~	-	~
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment	~	~	~	~	~	~
Royal Anglian Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Welsh	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Gurkha Rifles	~	~	10	~	~	10
Rifles	10	~	10	~	-	~
Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	~	-	~	~	-	~
Small Arms School Corps	10	-	10	~	-	~
Royal Regiment of Scotland (SCOTS)	10	~	10	~	~	~
Yorkshire Regiment	10	-	10	~	-	~
Total	60	10	70	40	10	40

2015 Unit	Applicants			Selected		
	WO1	WO2	TOTAL	WO1	WO2	TOTAL
1 Grenadier Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Irish Guards	~	~	10	~	~	~
1 Scots Guards	~	~	~	~	~	~
1 Welsh Guards	~	~	~	~	-	~
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	~	~	~	~	~	~
Mercian Regiment	~	~	~	~	-	~
Parachute Regiment	10	~	10	10	~	10
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Anglian Regiment	~	~	~	~	-	~
Royal Irish Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Welsh	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Gurkha Rifles	~	~	10	~	~	10
Rifles	10	~	10	10	~	10
RLC	-	~	~	-	-	-
Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	~	~	~	~	-	~
Small Arms School Corps	10	-	10	~	-	~
Royal Regiment of Scotland (SCOTS)	10	~	10	10	~	10
Yorkshire Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Total	60	20	80	50	10	60

2016 Unit	Applicants			Selected		
	WO1	WO2	TOTAL	WO1	WO2	TOTAL
1 Coldstream Guards	~	~	~	~	~	~
1 Grenadier Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Irish Guards	~	~	~	~	-	~
1 Royal Welsh	~	~	~	~	~	~
1 Scots Guards	~	-	~	~	-	~
1 Welsh Guards	~	~	~	~	~	~
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	~	~	10	~	-	~
Mercian Regiment	~	~	10	~	-	~
Parachute Regiment	10	10	10	10	~	10
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment	10	~	10	10	~	10
Royal Anglian Regiment	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Gurkha Rifles	~	10	10	-	10	10
Rifles	10	~	10	10	-	10
Small Arms School Corps	~	-	~	~	-	~
Royal Regiment of Scotland (SCOTS)	10	~	10	10	~	10
Senior Service Continuity Posts	~	-	~	~	-	~
Yorkshire Regiment	10	~	10	~	~	10
Total	60	30	90	50	20	70

2017 Unit	Applicants		
	WO1	WO2	TOTAL
1 Coldstream Guards	-	~	~
1 Grenadier Guards	~	~	10
1 Irish Guards	-	~	~
1 Royal Irish	~	-	~
1 Royal Welsh	~	~	10
1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	~	10	10
1 Welsh Guards	~	~	~
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	~	~	~
Mercian Regiment	-	~	~
Parachute Regiment	~	~	10
Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment	~	~	10
Royal Anglian Regiment	~	~	10
Royal Gurkha Rifles	~	10	10
Rifles	10	10	10
Small Arms School Corps	10	-	10
Royal Regiment of Scotland (SCOTS)	10	10	10
Senior Service Continuity Posts	-	~	~
Yorkshire Regiment	~	~	~
Total	50	60	110

Note:

SASC and RGR are included with Infantry as they are commissioned under one boarding procedure within the APC.

The selected figures for 2017 are not yet available as the boarding process has not yet taken place.

Under National Statistics rounding conventions all figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded up to the nearest multiple of 10 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 are denoted by ~, zero is denoted by -.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.