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Your Reference: [REDACTED]

Date: 20 March 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FOI [REDACTED]

Your correspondence dated [REDACTED] has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

***"I have a copy of the UK Armed Forces Annual Personnel Report 2013 in pdf and spreadsheet form.***

***However what I am looking for is a copy of a report I have seen in circulation which provides statistics on the percentage chance for soldiers and officers of 'survival' (i.e. retention) and promotion. I do not believe that this report is currently available online. Can you kindly tell me where I might get hold of a copy?"***

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that some information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence. The information you requested can be found attached for Army but the Ministry of Defence does not hold the requested information on Naval Service or Royal Air Force personnel.

1. The statistics are based on averages based on seven years data ending March 2010. These averages are used to avoid small populations and the spurious rates that may result. The use of several years' data reduces fluctuations caused by one-off factors and also covers a wider period of the economic cycle which can influence outflow. Data for years 2006/07 and 2007/08 have been excluded<sup>1</sup> due to issues of data quality and availability surrounding the cessation of legacy systems and the introduction of JPA.
2. Caution should be exercised with regards to interpretation of these statistics. They are constructed from behaviour for Army personnel covering a number of contracts/engagements. They form a statistical average for the Army and do not relate to the terms and conditions associated with any particular contract.<sup>2</sup>

I hope you find this helpful.



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Yours sincerely,

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