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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 24 June 2014 requesting information on the following:

'The number of people who applied to join the reserves for the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and to date for 2014 at HMS King Alfred, Whale Island, Portsmouth and Army Reserve Centre, Peronne Road, Hilsea, Portsmouth and if they have previously been employed in the regulars.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds some of the information you requested as follows:

**Royal Navy Reserve Applicants**

	RY* 2012/2013	RY 2013/2014	RY 2014/2015 to 9 July
HMS King Alfred	50**	70**	20**

\* Note – RY, Recruiting Year running March to April

As you will see, we can only provide information from March 2012 to date. Prior to that date, RNR applicants were not recruited direct to parent units.

Similarly, applications for the Army Reserves are not recruited direct to parent units but are processed through the Armed Forces Careers Office in Portsmouth.

**Army Reserve Applicants**

	RY 2010/2011	RY 2011/12	RY 2012/13	RY 2013/14
AFCO Portsmouth	60**	70**	40**	20**

\*\*You will wish to note that the data manpower statistics are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded up, with any numbers less than 5 to be shown as '~'.

In respect of the second part of your request, as there is no requirement to record at the application stage whether the applicant has served in the regular forces, no information is held on this matter.

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

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