



# Ministry of Defence

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Your Reference: e-mail dated [REDACTED]

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> June 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:

*"Please find this email as a formal request for freedom of information which I am sending after checking through your Publications, FOI Releases and Archive material.*

1. Please may you disclose the Royal Marines (or Royal Navy if not available) and Royal Air Force Regiment (or Royal Air Force if not available) versions of this data that has already been released on the Army? The link has been provided below.

Retention and Promotion Prospects for Army personnel: Statistics tabel

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/295004/PUBLIC\\_1395326448\\_answer\\_table.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/295004/PUBLIC_1395326448_answer_table.pdf)

and then follow up email

*"If you could proved me with:*

1. the probability that a Royal Marine and RAF Regiment soldier will reach the end of their 22 year contract?
2. If Royal Marine and RAF Regiment retention rates are above or below the retention rates or the rest of their respective organisations?
3. If cost effectively able, the probabilities of Royal Marines and RAF Regiment soldiers reaching annual levels of service, i.e. 6 year service- 35%
4. if applicable can I have the same for the Special Air Service and Special Boat Service

*Please may I have answers to questions 1 and 2 primarily if there is a cost/time issue and can you let me know if information for 3 and 4 exists if it can not be provided?"*

Please see attached excel document for the answers to questions 1 and 3.



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We have provided the probability that a Royal Marine will reach the end of their 22 year contract broken down by Officer and Other Ranks. We can provide the data for the Royal Navy if requested.

We have provided the RAF Regiment which consists of Officers, and the equivalent other rank "Gunnery"; total RAF proportions are not held.

Special Air Service and Special Boat Service information can not be identified by the main data extract that Defence Statistics holds.

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 Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD 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.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

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