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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 October requesting the following information:

*'Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I request the following information about the cadets of the Royal Military Academy of Sandhurst:*

- i) the number and percentage of current cadets who attended a fee-paying school*
- ii) the number and percentage of current cadets who went to university and whether they were the first in their family to do so*
- iii) the socio-economic background of current cadets.'*

The Commissioning Course for regular Army officers runs three times a year, starting in January, May and September. Figures reflect the Commissioning Courses commencing in 2014.

1. The a) number and b) percentage of regular Officer Cadets for each Commissioning Course who attended independent schools is shown in the following:

Course Intake	Number	% of each Course
January 2014	80	44.5
May 2014	70	40.8
September 2014	70	39.2
<b>Average 2014</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>41.5</b>

2. The a) number and b) percentage of regular Officer Cadets for each Commissioning Course who entered as graduates is shown in the following:

Course Intake	Number	% of each Course
January 2014	140	82.7
May 2014	150	86.4
September 2014	150	87.7
<b>Average 2014</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>85.6</b>

Information relating to whether any Officer Cadets were the first in their families to attend university is not held.

3. Information relating to the socio-economic background of Officer Cadets is not held.

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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.

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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