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Date: **13 March 2014**

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2014 requesting the following information:

*"How many Military Provost Guard Service soldiers have failed their annual fitness test between 1 Jan 13 and 1 Jan 14. I would also like to know how many MPGS soldiers are currently medically downgraded and are therefore excused the fitness test".*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is enclosed.

There were **less than five** Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS) soldiers that failed an annual fitness test (AFT) during the period 1 January 2013 and 1 January 2014.

As at 1 January 2014 (the latest data available), there were **870** MPGS personnel who were medically downgraded. These personnel were exempt from taking a fitness test at 1 January 2014.

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note the following:

The Army Fitness Information Software System (FISS) database was used to obtain information on the AFT.

Medically downgraded personnel are those personnel who have been assessed by a medical board and subsequently awarded a Medical Deployability Standard (MDS) of either Medically Limited Deployable (MLD) or Medically Non Deployable (MND).

Data have been rounded to 10 in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy (May 2009) except where the number is less than five. Totals and sub totals have been rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts. When rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in '5' have been rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid systematic bias.

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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