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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 22 October 2014 requesting information on RN Officers in the General Service Warfare Intelligence Specialisation. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Taking the five parts of your request in order, I can confirm the following:

Q1. How many Officers in the GSX(INT) Cadre were eligible to apply?

A. 40* officers were eligible for the scheme.

Q2. How many Officers from the GSX(INT) Cadre applied?

A. 30* officers applied.

**N.B. All totals have been rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy. All numbers are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid bias.*

Q3. How many officer applicants, from the GSX(INT) Cadre, were unsuccessful in their application to extend their service to age 55?

A. Less than five officers were unsuccessful and this was due to their ineligibility in accordance with the criteria published in 2014DIN01-109.

Q4. What criterion was used to assess suitability of applicants?

A. The selection criteria were published in 2014DIN01-141 – a redacted copy of which is attached for your information.

Q5. What is the Premature Voluntary Release (PVR) percentage for the Officer Grades in the GSX(INT) Cadre?

A. The Voluntary Outflow (VO) rate for Trained Regular GS X (INT) Officers between 01/10/2013 to 01/09/2014 was 0.9%. VO exit rates are calculated using the 12 months total for exits divided by the average strength. Average strength is calculated using a 13-month centred rolling average.

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Yours sincerely



Encl:

1. 2014DIN01-141 – Re-alignment of Retirement Age for Naval Service Officers with Service prior to 1 Apr 99 (RA55 Scheme) – Update.