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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 30 July 2014 requesting the following information:

*"Please could you confirm which of the following 2 options is the correct the End of Engagement Date (EED) for an individual who was originally recruited onto an Open Engagement, **whilst under the age of 18**, but then transferred onto the VEng Full.*

- *Option A - 24 years service since the date of enlistment or*
- *Option B - 24 years service since their 18th birthday."*

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

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.

Under current policy and in accordance with the reckonable service guidelines laid down in Queen's Regulations, for those individuals who converted from Open (or Notice) Engagement to Versatile Engagement (VEng) have their End of Engagement Date calculated as being from the age 18 or the date of enlistment (attestation), whichever is later.

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, 1st 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,

Army Secretariat