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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 12 May 2016 requesting the following information:

*Could you please provide me with the following information regarding the selection and training of Bandmasters in the RM Band Service (RMBS).*

- 1. Over the period 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2016 how many RMBS were considered for selection for the Bandmaster course?*
- 2. Of these, how many were actually selected?*
- 3. Over the period 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2016 how many people attended the RMBS Bandmaster course?*
- 4. Of these, how many were selected?*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested and the data is produced below:

Q1. Over the period 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2016 how many RMBS were considered for selection for the Bandmaster course?

A1. 53 ranks who passed the Musician 1 SQ (M1) were considered.

Q2. Of these, how many were actually selected?

A2. Of those 53 ranks, 28 were subsequently selected to attend the Bandmaster course

Q3. Over the period 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2016 how many people attended the RMBS Bandmaster course?

A3. All of the 28 ranks selected subsequently attended the Bandmaster course.

Q4. Of these, how many were selected?

A4. Of the 28 who attended, up until 31 March 2016, 15 have subsequently been selected for WO2 Bandmaster.

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Yours sincerely

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