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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 August 2015 requesting the following information:

- 1. Can you please tell me how many people were selected for a commission at the Cadet Forces Commissioning Board between 01/01/15 and 31/07/15.*
- 2. Can you please confirm of those who were selected how many are now commissioned within the ACF.*
- 3. If any of those selected are not yet commissioned can you list the RFCA(s) responsible for the delay in commissioning those people.*

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 some information in scope of your request is held. However, some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at sections 40 (Personal Data) has been withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to the third element of your request in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Whilst it is possible for the Ministry of Defence to identify the RFCA areas to which those awaiting commission belong, we are not able to publish this information as the numbers are so low, that to do so could identify the individuals involved. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

However, I can confirm that 116 people were selected for a commission at the Cadet Forces Commissioning Boards (CFCB) between 1 January and 31 July 2015. Of those, 104 now have their commission.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that there will inevitably be a slight delay between the candidate being selected for a commission and for the relevant paperwork to be completed. However if an individual has a concern about a delay in processing their commission, they should contact their County Headquarters.

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, <https://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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