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Dear ██████████

<u>Release of Information</u>

Thank you for your correspondence dated 3 November 2015 requesting the following information:

> *'Could you please provide me with some information on Royal Marines Mountain Leader (ML) training. It is understood from Government press releases that in 2013 the Royal Marines increased the scope of the ML Cadre to include a new Class 3 ML for those of Marine rank. Could you please therefore provide me with the following information:*
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> *1. What was the average pass rate on the ML 2 selection course from 2008 - 2014?*
> *2. What was the average pass rate on the ML 2 course from 2008 - 2014?*
> *3. What has been the average pass rate for the ML 3 selection course since its introduction up to the present day?*
> *4. What has been the average pass rate for the ML 3 selection course since its introduction up to the present day?'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is noted that as worded your third and fourth questions are identical but it is concluded that "selection" should have been omitted from your question four and this is what has been answered below.

Taking your questions in turn:

Q1. *What is the average pass rate on the ML2 selection course from 2008-2014?*

A1. It should be noted that the ML selection is the same for every course (ML3, ML2 and MLO) i.e. all ranks attend the same selection which has an average pass rate of 67%.

Q2. *What was the average pass rate on the ML2 course from 2008-2014?*

A2. Average pass rate for ORs attending ML2 course from 2008 to the present day is 51%

Q3.   *What has been the average pass rate for the ML 3 selection course since its introduction up to the present day?*

A3.   It should be noted that the ML selection is the same for every course (ML3, ML2 and MLO) i.e. all ranks attend the same selection which has an average pass rate of 67%.

Q4.   *What has been the average pass rate for the ML 3 [selection] course since its introduction up to the present day?*

A4.   Average pass rate for the ML 3 course during 2012-2013* is 83%.

*2012 was the first ML 3 course following the transformation from the Reconnaissance Operator (RO) course additional qualification. No course was run in 2014 due to a nil requirement.

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Yours sincerely

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