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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2016 requesting the following information:

I would also be grateful if you would provide statistics regarding the commissioning from the ranks in the RAF.

Specifically, I would be grateful for the following data:

- 1. How many JNCOs applied for commissions in the RAF in each of the years 2003 to 2008?*
- 2. How many JNCOs appeared before the RAF Commission Assessment Board in the in each of the years 2003 to 2008?*
- 3. How many JNCOs were successful on the RAF Commission Assessment Board in the in each of the years 2003 to 2008?*
- 4. How many JNCOs were successful in gaining commissions in the RAF in each of the years 2003 to 2008?*

Could you provide information on the above relating to both female and also combined female and male applicants for commission?

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information that you have requested at questions 1-3 is not held prior to 2008. However, I can provide you with information for recruiting year 2008/2009 which can be found below;

In recruiting year 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009 140 Junior Non-Commissioned Officers (JNCO) applied for commissioning from the ranks consisting of 117 males and 23 females.

In recruiting year 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009 126 JNCOs had a date for Officers and Aircrew Selection Board (OASC) consisting of 109 males and 17 females.

In recruiting year 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009 70 JNCOs had a phase 1 intake date (ie, were successful at OASC Boarding) consisting of 58 males and 12 females.

It may be useful for you to know that applications from JNCOs may not necessarily have been completed within the same recruiting year.

Information on the number of JNCOs that successfully gained commissions in the RAF during 2003-2008 is not held.

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, Ground 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.

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Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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