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E-mail address: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 April in which you asked for the following information:

*"Would it please be possible to provide the following information:*

*In 2014 and 2015:*

- *How many Royal Engineers soldiers applied for Clerk of Works training*
- *How many LCpls were selected for Clerk of Works training*
- *How many Cpls were selected for Clerk of Works training*

*How many students graduated as Clerk of Works (having been selected in previous years)"*

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

The total number of Royal Engineer soldiers who applied for Clerk of Works training was 60 in both 2014 and 2015.

The number of Lance Corporals who were selected was 40 and 30 respectively in 2014 and 2015 whilst 20 Corporals were selected in both years.

Finally, the number of personnel who passed in 2014 and 2015 was 30 and 20 respectively.

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10; numbers ending in 5 have been rounded up to prevent systematic bias. Where rounding has been used, totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts. Differences have been rounded independently and may not be the same as the difference between the rounded values.

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Yours sincerely,

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Mr M Connolly  
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