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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 24 February and your subsequent clarification, dated 3 March 2015, requesting the following information:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information if available, based on the most recent data:

- 1. The average length of time between application and entry to training for the role of Military Police Officer in the RAF at both non-commissioned and commissioned entry.*
- 2. The number of redundancies which have been made in this trade since 2010.*
- 3. The availability of vacancies in this role since 2010.*
- 4. The pay ranges applicable to the various ranks Military Police Officers in the RAF.*
- 5. Any additional allowances personnel in this role may be entitled to – for example, allowances associated with postings abroad if applicable.*
- 6. Statistics to show the percentage chance of an MP new entrant reaching key 'milestones' eg. completing training, initial service commitment of 9 years, up to 22 years.*
- 7. Statistics to show the percentage chance of being promoted to successive ranks role of MP (that is, percentage chance of being promoted to subsequent ranks, and percentage chance of promotion having already achieved the preceding rank).*
- 8. Statistics to show the average total length of service on promotion through the various ranks in the MP role up to the rank of Warrant Officer.*

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.

With regard to Question 1, the MOD does not hold recorded information about the average length of time between application and entry to training for RAF Police, commissioned or non-commissioned. However, under section 16 of the FOI Act, I can advise that the anticipated time taken for P2 (Officers) is likely to be 6 months, and for P3 (Airmen) it is likely to be 4 months, providing there are no complications, such as medical, psychiatric or fitness tests.

For question 2, the number of redundancies within the RAF Police trade (non-commissioned) between January 2010 and 31 December 2014 is 50, and 10 for the Provost branch (commissioned).

For question 3, details of the RAFP commissioned and non-commissioned 'into training targets (ITT) since 2010 are as follows:

	FY10/11	FY11/12	FY12/13	FY13/14
Provost (commissioned)	3	2	10	14
RAF Police (non-commissioned)	85	24	25	75

Under Section 21 of the FOI Act, information relating to questions 4 and 5 is readily available to you in the public domain. To be helpful, details of the pay ranges and allowances can be found on the RAF Families Federation website:

www.raf-ff.org.uk/financial_news.asp?info=Your+new+PAY+RATES+as+of++1+APR+14

The information you have requested under questions 6, 7 and 8, can be found at Annex A for the Provost branch (commissioned officers), and at Annex B for RAF Police (non-commissioned).

I would like to take this opportunity to refer you to the following link: ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs_of_compliance_exceeds_appropriate_limit.pdf. The link takes you to guidance provided by the Information Commissioner about Section 12 of the FOI Act. Section 12 concerns requests where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit (24 hours). It also describes how requests received within a specified time period can be aggregated. While this particular request has not exceeded the appropriate limit, all FOI requests are logged and should further requests from Langman HRD take the combined cost of compliance over the limit, we will inform you.

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Yours sincerely,

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