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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 26 October 2015, requesting the following information:

*How many Chinook pilots left No 18 Sqn and No 27 Sqn of the Chinook Force in FY 12/13, 13/14 and 14/15 (on PVR/NGR, at their option point, on posting out, and on promotion)? Of those, within the same timelines, how many were QHIs serving on the Operational Conversion Flight on No 18 Sqn?*

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

A search for the information has been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held, and is provided in the tables below:

18 Squadron	Assigned Reason	Total
2012/2013	Posted out	20
	PVR/NGR*	~
	Promoted	~
<b>2012/2013 Total</b>		<b>20</b>
2013/2014	Posted out	10
	PVR/NGR*	~
	Promoted	~
<b>2013/2014 Total</b>		<b>20</b>
2014/2015	Posted out	20
	PVR/NGR*	~
	Option Point	~
	Promoted	~
<b>2014/2015 Total</b>		<b>30</b>

27 Squadron	Assigned Reason	Total
2012/2013	Posted out	10
	PVR/NGR*	~
	Promoted	~
<b>2012/2013 Total</b>		<b>20</b>
2013/2014	Posted out	10
	PVR/NGR*	~
	Option Point	~
<b>2013/2014 Total</b>		<b>10</b>
2014/2015	Posted out	10
	PVR/NGR*	~
	Option Point	~
	Promoted	~
<b>2014/2015 Total</b>		<b>10</b>

\* Premature Voluntary Release/Notice General Right

The number of Qualified Helicopter Instructors (QHI) who departed the Operational Conversion Flight on 18 Squadron is provided below:

<b>QHI Competency</b>	<b>Total</b>
2012/2013	~
2013/2014	~
2014/2015	~
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

Data has been rounded to the nearest 10, where "~" denotes a number less than or equal to 5. When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.

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Yours sincerely

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