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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 01<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and a **further one\*** dated **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**, requesting the following information:

*For an Air Engineering Technician (Avionics) Petty Officer with 10 years service, could you please provide the following information:*

*For the last 7 years:*

- 1. The chances of survival from year of service 10 to year of service 35*
- 2. The chances of securing an Extended Career (EC) to allow him to serve beyond his existing 22 year OE1*
- 3. The average progression rates from Petty Officer up to and including Warrant Officer 1*
- 4. The chances securing a commission through the Senior Upper Yardman (SUY) scheme ...[and] **\*the chances of securing a commission through the Senior Upper Yardman (SUY) scheme - the AV or Aviation branch***
- 5. The average progression rates for Air Engineering Officers ...[and] **\*SUY(AV) Officers...who have secure a commission through the SUY scheme***
- 6. Length of service statistics for Air Engineering Officers ...[and] **\*SUY(AV) Officers...** who have secure a commission through the SUY scheme*

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

Under the Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations public authorities are able to aggregate two or more requests where they relate to any extent, to the same or similar information provided certain conditions are met. These are where the FOI requests:

- are made by one person, or by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign;
- are received within any period of 60 consecutive working days.

Under Section 12(4) of the FOI Act, provided these conditions are met, the Department is permitted to regard the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them for the purpose of considering whether complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

I am therefore applying exemption 12(4) to all of your requests for information regarding Air Engineering Technician (Avionics) as they were both received since 01 September 2016.

I am writing to confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds some of the information in the scope of your request.

**1. The chances an Air Engineering Technician (Avionics) Petty Officer with 10 years Length of Service will achieve each Length of Service (LOS) before exiting:**

Length of Service (years)	Chance of achieving Length of Service
10	100%
11	88%
12	84%
13	72%
14	70%
15	65%
16	61%
17	57%
18	55%
19	53%
20	50%
21	49%
22	33%
23	24%
24	18%
25	15%
26	12%
27	9%
28	8%
29	7%
30	7%
31	7%
32	6%
33	4%
34	3%
35	0%

**2. The chance of an individual with rank of OR-6 and LOS 10 reaching LOS above 22 years before leaving the Navy is 33%.**

**3. The average progression rates from Petty Officer up to and including Warrant Officer 1 for an Air Engineering Technician (Avionics) Petty Officer with a Length of Service of 10 years.**

Rank	Percentage chance of promotion to the rank
OR-6 – Petty Officer	100%
OR-7 – Chief Petty Officer	12%
OR-8 – Warrant Officer 2	1%
OR-9 – Warrant Officer 1	0%

**4. The chance of commission to Officer for an Air Engineering Technician (Avionics) of rank OR-6 and length of service 10 is 27%.**

The chance of commission to Officer for an Air Engineering Technician (Avionics) new entrant is 8%.

**5. The average progression rates for Air Engineering Officers ...[and] \*SUY(AV) Officers\*...who have secure a commission through the SUY scheme.**

Information is not held in the requested format. See section 16 below.

**6. Length of Service statistics for Air Engineering Officers ...[and] \*SUY(AV) Officers\*... who have secured a commission through the SUY scheme.**

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Notes

*Length of Service denotes the amount of full years in the Navy.*

*Exiting denotes anything that results in an ending of Regular service e.g. time expiry, voluntary outflow, death etc.*

*'Chance of achieving LOS' is calculated by using averages of historic data.*

*'Chance of promotion to the rank' is calculated by using averages of historic data.*

*The tables above are produced by a career forecast tool which uses historic data from 01 April 2009 to 01 April 2016.*

*The chance of securing an extended career has been interpreted as the chance of an individual with the specified characteristics achieving a Length of Service of more than 22 years.*

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the tool used in providing progression rates and length of service statistics for Officers does not carry the information on whether they entered through the Senior Upper Yardmen scheme.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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