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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 7 January 2015 requesting the following information:

“How many regular or reserve armed forces personnel who obtained a commission after completing officer training in the calendar years 2013-2014, 2012-2013 and 2011-2012, were previously members of one of the University Service Units? Please provide a break down of this data in terms of membership within the OTC, UAS and URNU.

If answering this request fully would exceed the amount required by the FOI Act, please prioritise data from the most recent year(s).”

We are 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 and is reported below.

Unfortunately the exact information you requested is not held and we are therefore unable to report numbers on personnel *completing* officer training. What we can supply is numbers of personnel *joining* the UK Regular or Reserve Forces as an Officer that have previously been a member of one of the University Service Units. This information is extracted from the MOD’s Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system.

We are unable to provide all of the dates you have requested, as the required information on Officer intake is only held for Regulars and Reserves on the JPA system from October 2012.

To identify whether personnel have previously served in one of the University Service Units we have searched back through their records on the JPA system. JPA records are only held back to April 2007; therefore personnel that were a member of a University Service Unit prior to April 2007 have not been captured and are not included in these numbers. This methodology is still under development, and hence all numbers are reported as estimates.

Estimated Intake to UK Regular and Volunteer Reserve Forces, Officers, trained and untrained, that were previously members of one of the University Service Units

	1 Oct 12 to 31 Mar 13	1 Apr 13 to 31 Mar 14	1 Apr 14 to 30 Sep 14
Total	410	530	350
URNU	40	40	20
UOTC	220	310	200
UAS	40	90	50
DTOEES	110	90	70

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Key:

URNU: University Royal Naval Units

UOTC: University Officer Training Corps

UAS: University Air Squadrons

DTOEES: Defence Technical Officer and Engineer Entry Scheme

Rounding:

In line with Defence Statistics' rounding policy, all numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10. Numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest 20, to prevent systematic bias. Totals are calculated from unrounded numbers and therefore may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.

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, 1st 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,

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