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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 16th April 2016 requesting the following information:

“...specific figures on the number of British Army infantry, Royal Marine Commando and RAF Regiment recruitment over the last 5 years”

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held.

The following figures are for each calendar year.

Intake¹ of UK Regular² personnel into selected groups by calendar year

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total³	5 410	5 220	3 860	3 330	3 700
Royal Marine Commando	770	1 080	1 030	800	740
British Army infantry ³	4 630	4 130	2 790	2 500	2 940
RAF Regiment	20	20	30	30	20

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Notes:

1. Intake to UK Regular Forces Comprises new entrants, re-entrants, direct trained entrants (including Professionally Qualified Officers) and intake from the reserves. It excludes all movements within the Regular Forces; including flows from the untrained to trained strength, transfers between Services and flows from Ranks to Officer due to promotion. The flows cover the 12 months ending 31 December.
2. UK Regulars includes Full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, but excluding Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), High Readiness Reserve (HRR) and Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) personnel. Unless otherwise stated, includes trained and untrained personnel.
3. Intake from Gurkhas is included in the figures for the British Army infantry.
4. RAF Regiment figures exclude TG 8 Gunners.

Rounding

All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias.

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Yours sincerely,

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