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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 07 February, and your subsequent clarification, dated 20 February 2015, requesting the following information:

- *The length of service at promotion by all RAF Regiment other ranks and for RAF Police other ranks.*
- *Could you please provide the percentage of initial entry who are promoted for each rank in both categories and the percentage who gain promotion from the rank below.*
- *Could you provide the number of applicants to each category and the number accepted into training for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.*

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 all information in scope of your request is held.

The attached document addresses the length of service at promotion by all RAF Regiment other ranks (RAF Gunner trade) and for RAF Police other ranks; the percentage of new entrants promoted for each rank in both categories; and the percentage who gain promotion from the rank below.

The number of applicants to each category and the number accepted into training for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 is as follows:

*	2012		2013		2014	
	Apps	Training Intakes	Apps	Training Intakes	Apps	Training Intakes
RAF Regiment (Gunner)	1850	150	2110	120	1530	150
RAF Police	380	10	820	70	1010	70

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the data provided above is rounded to the nearest 10.

* Depending on the number of trade training places, applicants may not necessarily enter service the same year.

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Yours sincerely,

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