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24 March 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 March 2016 requesting the following information:

I am currently working on a project which requires me to gather statistics for RAF trade group 4 early terminations. Could you provide monthly totals for early termination application submissions for RAF trade group 4 for the last 3 years please?

I am 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 information in scope of your request is held.

<u>Trade Group 4 Early Termination Applications</u>					
2013		2014		2015	
Jan	11	Jan	26	Jan	14
Feb	11	Feb	12	Feb	21
Mar	21	Mar	29	Mar	27
Apr	15	Apr	21	Apr	16
May	4	May	24	May	16
Jun	12	Jun	15	Jun	9
Jul	16	Jul	16	Jul	0
Aug	6	Aug	22	Aug	12
Sept	28	Sept	18	Sept	0
Oct	26	Oct	11	Oct	18
Nov	14	Nov	16	Nov	15
Dec	25	Dec	11	Dec	16
Total	189	Total	221	Total	164

Section 16 of the FOIA requires the MOD to provide advice and assistance. Consequently, you may wish to note that the information contained within this table is the total number of

early termination applications submitted. This includes any applications that were withdrawn or unsuccessful and may have been resubmitted during the periods requested. Therefore, this data does not represent an accurate picture of successful applications to leave the RAF.

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.

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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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