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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 9 November requesting the following information:

Information regarding redundancy, medical discharge, held strength and promotion of REME soldiers

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

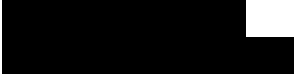
A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm some information in the scope of your request is held and is shown at Annex A.

The information you have requested at Question 2 is not being treated as an enquiry under the FOI Act. An answer to this question will be provided separately to you by Defence Business Services.

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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ANNEX A

1. Please confirm the number of Applications for redundancy made by members of The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and the number of actual redundancies made in each of the following years:-

- a) 2013
- b) 2014
- c) 2015 (to date)

Year	Applicants	Redundancies
2013	848	717
2014	None	56
2015	N/A	~

~ denotes 5 or fewer

2. Please outline the financial package which would have been granted to a Soldier of the following Rank and length of service had he been subject to a medical discharge in 2014.

a) Lance Corporal, REME, joined January 1997 and joined Army Pension Scheme on his 18 birthday [REDACTED].

This question will be answered separately by Defence Business Services.

3. For the years 2009/14 please confirm the number of medically downgraded Soldiers serving with the REME who have been subject to medical discharge from the Army, and how long in each case those individuals had been classed as medically non deployable (MND) or medically limited deployable (MLD) prior to their discharge.

Year	REME soldiers discharge on medical paragraph
2009	33
2010	85
2011	41
2012	124
2013	134
2014	146

The period that individuals had been classed as Medically Non-Deployable or Medically Limited Deployable prior to their discharge is not held.

4. For each of the years 2009/14 please confirm the number of Soldiers of Lance Corporal Rank serving with the REME, and the number of promotions to Corporal Rank for each year.

The number of soldiers in the rank of Lance Corporal who were serving with the REME in each of the years 2009-2014 is not held.

The number of promotions to the rank of Corporal for each year is listed here:

Year	Number of Lance Corporals presented to Board	Number of Lance Corporals promoted to Corporal
2009/2010	314	290
2010/2011	341	117
2011/2012	332	118
2012/2013	473	272
2013/2014	565	403
2014/2015	543	379