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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 13 October 2016 requesting the following information:

'I would be grateful if you would provide statistics regarding the pass/fail rate over the last 5 years of recruits within the RAF General Technician Electrician Trade (UQ). Specifically, I would be grateful for the following data:

- 1. The number of applicants to enlist in this trade over the last 5 years.*
- 2. The percentage chance of an applicant being recruited into the trade.*
- 3. The number of recruits entering such training, by course intake, over the last 5 years.*
- 4. Of those attending such training, the number that have successfully completed the course, this broken down by course intake.*
- 5. The percentage chance of an individual passing such training.'*

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

A search for the information requested has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. I will answer each of your questions in turn.

The number of applicants to enlist in the General Technician Electrician Trade (UQ) over the last 5 years is 70.

The percentage chance of an applicant being recruited into the trade is information not held.

The number of recruits entering such training, by course intake, over the last five years is '~' (this denotes a number less or equal to 5), in 2012/2013.

Of those attending such training, the number that have successfully completed the course, this broken down by course intake, is information not held.

The percentage chance of an individual passing such training is information not held.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data has been rounded to the nearest 10, where "-" denotes zero and "~" denotes a number less than or equal to 5. When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note, the pass/fail rate is determined by ability and effort, not by chance. Additionally, the General Technician Electrician 'UQ' caveat became redundant circa 2012/2013. Only civilian qualified (CQ) General Technicians were accepted post 2013. Unfortunately, our records do not break down recruits by CQ and UQ.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, 2nd 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original Signed]

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