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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 June 2017 clarifying that you required the following information:

'Could you please provide me with details on the following:

- 1) The number Royal Navy Officers recruited in 2016 on the Untrained Strength.*
- 2) The number of Royal Navy Warfare Officers recruited in 2016 on the Untrained Strength.*
- 3) The pass rate of warfare officers at AIB (e.g Number of successful applicants/Total applicants).*
- 4) The percentage of Warfare Officer applicants who are successful at AIB that are then forward to BRNC.*
- 5) The recruitment targets for Warfare Officers in 2016, 2017 & 2018'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds information in scope of your request and the answers to your questions can be found detailed in the Annex attached to this letter.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Q1) The number Royal Navy Officers recruited in 2016 on the Untrained Strength.

415 Royal Navy Officers were recruited in 2016.*

Q2) The number of Royal Navy Warfare Officers recruited in 2016 on the Untrained Strength.

214 Royal Navy Warfare Officers were recruited in 2016.*

Q3) The pass rate of warfare officers at AIB (e.g Number of successful applicants/Total applicants).

The pass rate for Warfare Officers at the Admiralty Interview Board (AIB) from 1 Jan 16 to 31 Dec 16 was 68% (178 personnel passed out of 260 boarded).**

Q4) The percentage of Warfare Officer applicants who are successful at AIB that are then forward to BRNC.

132 personnel joined Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) as Warfare Officers in 2016 – which equates to 74%.***

Q5) The recruitment targets for Warfare Officers in 2016, 2017 & 2018

The recruitment targets for Warfare Officers with specialisations General Service (GS), Submariner (SM) and Hydrography and Meteorological Officer (HM) for the years 2015-2019 are as follows****:

2015/16 – 121
2016/17 – 121
2017/18 – 148
2018/19 – 150

The recruitment targets for Warfare Officers with specialisations Pilot (P), Observer (O), and Air Traffic Controller (ATC) are as follows*****:

2015/16 – 76
2016/17 – 96
2017/18 – 77
2018/19 – 90

- * Data provided by calendar year and includes Upper Yardsman and Senior Upper Yardsman.
- ** The figures provided are for the number of personnel boarded at AIB.
- *** Figure provided is as accurate as can be provided – an AIB pass lasts for 1 year and a candidate may be selected at any time. Some candidates may have boarded in 2015 whilst those boarded after July 16 are likely to have entered BRNC in 2017.
- **** Target figures provided are for 'recruiting years' which equates to financial years.
- ***** The Warfare Officer Branch also includes Aviation specialisms.

