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24 April 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2017 requesting the following information:

'I would be grateful if you could provide statistics regarding the applicants for a commission in the Intelligence Branch over the last 5 years. Specifically, I would be grateful if you could provide the following data:

- 1. The number of Direct Entrant non-graduate applicants, the number boarded and the intake number.*
- 2. The number of Direct Entrant graduate applicants, the number boarded and the intake number.'*

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

A search for the information requested has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. This information can be found attached at Annex A.

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, Ground 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]

**Air Director Resources Secretariat
Air Command**

Int Branch Candidate Applicants

	RAF Officer Entry (Direct Entry) Graduate Entry	RAF Officer Entry (Direct Entry) Non Graduate	Total:
2012 2013	8	5	13
2013 2014	540	369	909
2014 2015	395	287	682
2015 2016	353	308	661
2016 2017	510	446	956
Sum:	1806	1415	3221

Int Branch Candidates Boarded

	RAF Officer Entry (Direct Entry) Graduate Entry	RAF Officer Entry (Direct Entry) Non Graduate	Total:
2012 2013	8	4	12
2013 2014	22	8	30
2014 2015	41	25	66
2015 2016	52	21	73
2016 2017	49	38	87
Sum:	172	96	268

Int Branch Candidate Intakes

	RAF Officer Entry (Direct Entry) Graduate Entry	RAF Officer Entry (Direct Entry) Non Graduate	Total:
2012 2013	3	1	4
2013 2014	5	1	6
2014 2015	11	5	16
2015 2016	13	4	17
2016 2017	11	4	15
Sum:	43	15	58

Caveats:

1. Figures include candidates who applied for the Officer Intelligence Branch for either Direct Entry Graduate or Direct Entry Non-Graduate Schemes only.
2. There is no direct correlation between the number of Applicants, Candidates Boarded and Candidate Intakes.
3. Applicants are those candidates who applied with the Officer Intelligence Branch as their primary choice.
4. Boarded Candidates are those who had the Officer Intelligence Branch as their primary choice, at the time of boarding.
5. The years provided are Recruitment Years, running from 1 Apr to 31 Mar.