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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 6 February 2017 requesting the following information:

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

I would be grateful if you would provide statistics regarding the applicants for commissioning, over the last 5 years, into the RAF Police branch (Provost Officer). Specifically, I would be grateful for the following data:

- 1. The number of Direct Entrant applicants from civilians; the number boarded and the intake number.*
- 2. The number of applicants from other ranks within the RAF Police trade; the number boarded and the intake number.*

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. The information that you requested can be found in the table below.

| Recruitment Year from 1 April- 31 Mar | Serving Airmen Applications (Provost) | Serving Airmen Applications (Other) | Direct Entrant Applications | Serving Airmen Boarded (Provost) | Serving Airmen Boarded (Other) | Direct Entrants Boarded | Serving Airmen Intakes (Provost) | Serving Airmen Intakes (Other) | Direct Entrants Intakes |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2012-2013 | ~ | 10 | 130 | 0 | 0 | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| 2013-2014 | 10 | 10 | 270 | ~ | ~ | 20 | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| 2014-2015 | 20 | 20 | 510 | ~ | 10 | 40 | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| 2015-2016 | 10 | 20 | 300 | 10 | ~ | 40 | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| 2016-2017* | 10 | 20 | 300 | ~ | 10 | 40 | 10 | ~ | 10 |
| Total: | 50 | 60 | 1520 | 20 | 20 | 140 | 10 | 10 | 20 |

* Data provided for recruiting year between 1 April 2016 and 31 December 2016.

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 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 methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.

Applicants relate to candidates with a contact date recorded on the recruitment systems and intake relates to a candidate who has been allocated to a Phase One intake date. Both applications and boarded include all candidates with ‘Provost’ as their first preference role choice at that stage of the recruitment process. The data for applications, boarded and intake have no correlation to each other in each of the recruiting years due to the length and variation of the recruitment process. Additionally, a candidate’s first choice of Branch can change at any stage of the process.

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, 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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