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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 11 January 2017 requesting the following information:

- **On 1 January 2015, 2016 and 2017, what was the established strength for Lt Cols, Cols and Brigs in the ALS?**
- **For the years 2015 and 2016:**
 - **How many ALS officers applied for a Regular Commission?**
 - **How many of these officers (who applied for a Reg C) were successfully awarded a Reg C and what, therefore, was the percentage success rate?**
 - **How many of these officers were successful on their 1st, 2nd and 3rd attempts?**
 - **What was the rank split (ie how many were Maj's and how many Lt Cols) in each year of those who applied, who were successful and those who were not?**
- **What is the average length of service of an AGC(ALS) Reg C officer?**

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

The information requested is shown at Annex A 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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, 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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role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

- **On 1 January 2015, 2016 and 2017, what was the established strength for Lt Cols, Cols and Brigs in the ALS?**

The establishment and strength are separate figures, so both are provided.

Date	Lt Cols	
	Establishment (see note 5)	Strength (see notes 1 & 3)
1 Jan 2015	37	40
1 Jan 2016	35	30
1 Jan 2017	35	30

- **For the years 2015 and 2016:**

- **How many ALS officers applied for a Regular Commission? How many of these officers (who applied for a Reg C) were successfully awarded a Reg C and what, therefore, was the percentage success rate?**

Year	No of ALS Officers applied	No of successful applicants	% success rate
2015	10	~	25%
2016	10	~	30%

- **How many of these officers were successful on their 1st, 2nd and 3rd attempts?**

This information is not held.

- **What was the rank split (ie how many were Maj's and how many Lt Cols) in each year of those who applied, who were successful and those who were not? (see note 3)**

Year	Maj's who applied	No's who were successful	Lt Cols who applied	No's who were successful
2015	10	~	~	-
2016	10	~	~	~

- **What is the average length of service of an AGC(ALS) Reg C officer?**

Average length of service from 1 Dec 2013 to 1 Dec 2016 for an Army Legal Services officer with Reg C.

Average length of service (excl Staff)	19 years 9 months (see note 2)
Average length of service (inc Staff)	22 years 2 months (see note 4)

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

Note 1. Figures are for Regular strengths only, therefore exclude Gurkhas and Reserves but include those individuals who have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.

All Officers with a Paid Rank of Colonel or above count toward Staff officers' strength and are therefore not provided in this answer.

Note 2. Average LOS calculation is using the past 3 years of ALS Officers outflow, hence caution should be exercised with regards to interpretation of these statistics. They are constructed from behaviour for Army personnel covering a number of contracts/ engagements. They form a statistical average for the Army and do not relate to the terms and conditions associated with any particular contract.

Note 3. Strength figures have been rounded to 10; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

"~" fewer than 5.

"-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.

Note 4. Average Length of Service have been rounded down to complete month.

Note 5. Establishment figures are referring to Army Manpower Planning Liability of the requested year.