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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 requesting the following information:

1. *Over the period 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2015 how many RM Other Ranks applied for a SCC?*
2. *Of those who applied, how many attended AIB?*
3. *Of those who attended AIB how many were selected?*
4. *What was the rank distribution of those selected, i.e how many were Cpls, how many were Sgts, CSgts, etc?*
5. *What was the average (mean) length of service for those selected?*
6. *What was the shortest length of service for those selected?*

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 some of the information in scope of your request which is 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](mailto: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. Over the period 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2015 how many RM Other Ranks applied for a SCC?

A1. No information held - the Ministry of Defence does not keep legacy data on previous applications for a Short Career Commission (SCC).

Q2. Of those who applied, how many attended the Admiralty Interview Board (AIB)?

A2. 222 personnel attended AIB between 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2015.

Q3. Of those who attended AIB how many were selected?

A3. 146 personnel were subsequently selected for SCC between 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2015.

Q4. What was the rank distribution of those selected, i.e how many were Cpls, how many were Sgts, CSgts, etc?

A4.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b>WO1</b>	15
<b>WO2</b>	22
<b>CSGT</b>	52
<b>SGT</b>	50
<b>CPL</b>	7
<b>Total</b>	146

Q5. What was the average (mean) length of service for those selected?

A5. No information held – due to the number of Ranks leaving the Royal Marines since their selection and commission and the change of contract type following completion of the commissioning course, the personnel administration system is unable to collate the particular data required to produce a report of this type.

Q6. What was the shortest length of service for those selected?

A6. The shortest length of service of any Rank selected for SCC is 9 years, 1 month and 19 days.