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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 25 September in which you requested the following information:

the number of people from Gulf Cooperation Council countries who passed and attended the Regular Commissioning Course and the Professionally Qualified Officers course between Financial Year 2008/09 and 2016/17 at RMAS, broken down by country and by year, and in total per country.

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 requested is below. The tables show the number of people from Gulf Cooperation Council countries who attended and passed the Regular Commissioning Course and the Professionally Qualified Officers course between Financial Year 2008/09 and 2016/17 by course, year and country.

Regular Officer Commissioning Course

Financial Year	Bahrain	Kuwait	Oman	Qatar	Saudi Arabia	UAE	Total
FY08-09	~	~	5	~	0	10	25
FY09-10	5	~	5	~	0	10	25
FY10-11	~	~	5	0	~	5	20
FY11-12	~	~	5	0	~	10	20
FY12-13	~	~	5	~	0	5	15
FY13-14	~	~	5	0	~	5	15
FY14-15	~	~	5	~	0	5	20
FY15-16	5	0	5	~	~	10	25
FY16-17	~	0	0	~	0	~	5
Total	30	10	50	15	5	60	175

Professionally Qualified Officers Course

Financial Year	Bahrain
FY14-15	5
FY16-17	~
Total	10

- totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.
- This figure is a single service estimate, not an official statistic.
- Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 as a means of disclosure control and to convey an appropriate level of precision.
- '~' represents less than five.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that training overseas Officer Cadets is a long-standing essential part of Defence Engagement. Armed Forces training establishments offer international students prestigious courses which expose them to UK policy, and promote concepts of accountability, human rights and transparency. They are important in building skills which assist other countries in dealing with internal problems, thereby contributing to regional security.

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Yours sincerely,



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