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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 November requesting the following information regarding Late Entry Commissioning Statistics in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME):

For each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:

- How many applications were received (AFB 225As) for LE commissioning into REME?
- Of these, how many were from REME and how many from other cap badges?
- Of the initial applicants, how many were awarded a LE commission?
- Are unsuccessful candidates able to re-apply in subsequent years?
- Do the REME have a designated number of LE posts and if so, how many are there?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information you require is shown at Annex A.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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For each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:

Q1. How many applications were received (AFB 225As) for LE commissioning into REME?

Q2. Of these, how many were from REME and how many from other cap badges?

Q3. Of the initial applicants, how many were awarded a LE commission?

	2014	2015	2016	2017
REME Applications	40	40	30	60
Other Cap Badge applications	-	-	-	~
Number of LE commissions awarded	20	20	30	30

Q4. Are unsuccessful candidates able to re-apply in subsequent years?

Yes.

Q5. Do the REME have a designated number of LE posts and if so, how many are there?

No.

Under National Statistics rounding conventions all figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded up to the nearest multiple of 10 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 are denoted by ~, zero is denoted by -. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.