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Dear [REDACTED]

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

- What is the 2017 established strength, clarified as Liability, for REME LE officers in the ranks of Capt, Maj and Lt Col?
- Are there any agreed plans to alter this establishment?
- For each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:
  - What percentage of serving REME LE officers converted from an IRC (LE) to a Reg C (LE)? (Please provide the raw numbers to substantiate this).
  - Of those serving on a REG C(LE) in each year, how many(and what percentage of REG C(LE) officers did this represent) promoted to Lt Col.

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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Q1. What is the 2017 established strength, clarified as Liability, for REME LE officers in the ranks of Capt, Maj and Lt Col?

Captain	Major	Lt Colonel	Total
100	110	10	230

Q2. Are there any agreed plans to alter this establishment?

Not at this moment.

Q3. For each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:

- a. What percentage of serving REME LE officers converted from an IRC (LE) to a Reg C (LE)? (Please provide the raw numbers to substantiate this).

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Eligible *	80	70	70	60
Selected	20	20	20	20
% Selected	20%	22%	24%	36%

\*Figures are only available to show the numbers eligible for conversion, the numbers of those serving at the time is not recorded.

- b. Of those serving on a REG C(LE) in each year, how many(and what percentage of REG C(LE) officers did this represent) promoted to Lt Col.

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Serving Reg C (LE) Majors	60	70	70	60
Eligible	10	20	20	10
Selected	10	~	10	10
% Selected	10%	4%	15%	13%

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.