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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 07 July 2017 in which you requested the following information:

1. How many FTRS contracts/posts existed in the Recruiting Group each year from 1 April 2014 to 1 May 2017?
- 2.a. How many people in the Recruiting Group have been notified their FTRS contract is being terminated since January 2017?
- 2.b. How many of those are being redeployed elsewhere?
3. How will the MoD replace those people and posts?
4. How many armed forces recruitment offices will close between now and 1 April 2019?

I understand that some of the information required may be sensitive, however I would appreciate if the MOD could generalise answers when required.

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and is as follows:

1. How many FTRS contracts/posts existed in the Recruiting Group each year from 1 April 2014 to 1 May 2017?

During the period of Financial Years 13/14 to 16/17 there were 159 Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) posts. In Financial Year 17/18, this reduced to 156.

2.a. How many people in the Recruiting Group have been notified their FTRS contract is being terminated since January 2017?

A total of 119 personnel have been informed that their FTRS commitment will be terminated before the end of January 2018.

2.b. How many of those are being redeployed elsewhere?

It may help if I explain that FTRS personnel are contracted for a specific post and time period, and are employed under different terms of service from regular personnel. They are not "deployed" in the same way as regular personnel. FTRS personnel are made aware of the length of their commitment on appointment and that posts can be disestablished before their scheduled end date

with seven months' notice. If an individual's post is disestablished earlier than the date given on appointment, they will receive Preferred Candidate Status. This status gives an individual priority consideration over other candidates for any FTRS post they are qualified to apply for.

3. How will the MoD replace those people and posts?

Recruiting group is introducing a model which involves the rebalancing of manpower and roles, and introduces experienced recruitment specialists, delivered by the RPP Service Provider.

4. How many armed forces recruitment offices will close between now and 1 April 2019?

There are currently 68 Armed Forces Careers Offices and the Department currently has no plans to reduce this number further.

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Yours sincerely,

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