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Reply to: [REDACTED]

13 March 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 February 2018 requesting the following information:

“Please provide me with:

The number and percentage of candidates to the armed forces who were rejected for failing a drugs test in 2016.

The number and percentage of candidates to the armed forces who were rejected for failing a drugs test in 2017.

If possible, please specify what drug they had taken.”

We contacted you on 19 February 2018 requesting clarification of the term “rejected” and you replied stating that by ‘rejected’ you meant ‘those who had their applications to the Armed Forces dismissed after they failed a drugs test’.

Thank you for clarifying your request.

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

I must advise that our enquiries have confirmed that the Department does not hold information within the scope of this request.

Candidates for the Armed Forces are not tested for drug use. However, members of the Armed Forces can expect to be subject to random compulsory drug tests (CDT) at any time.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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