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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 28 November 2017 in which you have requested the following information:

I would be grateful if you could provide information as follows in respect of the introduction of the Cadet Forces Commission from 1st December 2017:

Agenda Items and supporting reports and Minutes of meetings for meetings of the Defence Council, the Defence Board and the Executive Committee for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 October 2017, where the subject was discussed.

I would also be grateful if you could provide the text of the Draft, or the finalised, revised Royal Warrant for the Air Training Corps, as modified to remove the requirement to commission officers into the RAF Volunteer Reserve, or a link to where this may be found.

I would also like a copy of the text of the Draft, or the finalised, wording of the Cadet Forces Commission.

Should the information not be available, I would be grateful if you could advise me as to when and where this information will be published.

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

With regards to the first part of your request I can confirm the Cadet Forces Commission was never the subject of any agendas or minutes of either Defence Council, Defence Board or Executive Committee.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you are seeking in relation to parts two and three. Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information. This because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. It has been applied because there is no overriding reason why the public should have the information immediately. The MOD intend to publish the Royal Warrant within the next six months at the following link:

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

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Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)  
Defence People Secretariat