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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails of 9 and 10 October 2017 regarding the recently advertised positions listed below, for which you have requested to know how many people applied for the positions, how many were shortlisted for interview and of those shortlisted how many had worked directly for a member of the selection panel (and interview panel if different) in the previous 5 years.

- *FOI2017/09739 position of Head of Wider Europe Policy*
- *FOI2017/09707 position of Head of Operational Policy*
- *FOI2017/09652 position of Head of Secretariat and Finance Surgeon General*
- *FOI2017/09651 position of Head of PLIC within DJEP*
- *FOI2017/09650 position of Chief of Staff to the CEO at DIO*
- *FOI2017/09649 position of Head of Secretariat and Civilian Workforce at Air Cmd*
- *FOI2017/09648 position of Head of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq & Syria Policy*
- *FOI2017/09647 position of Command Secretary BFC and Chief Officer SBAA Cyprus*
- *FOI2017/09646 position of ACOS J9 at PJHQ*

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

I can advise you that following a search of our records, I have established that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information within the scope of your request.

The information you have requested is provided in the table below:

Role	Applicants	Shortlisted for interview	Those shortlisted for interview who had worked directly for a panel member in the past 5 years
Head Wider European Policy	16	4	1 candidate had worked for one panel member
Head Operational Policy	15	6	1 candidate had worked for one panel member
Head Secretariat, SG	14	5	None
Head PLIC, DJEP	15	2	None
Chief of Staff DIO	30	4	1 candidate had worked for two panel members
Head Secretariat, Air	11	5	1 candidate had worked for one panel member
Head Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq Policy	14	4	None
Command Secretary BFC	17	5	None

Assistant Chief of Staff J9	12	5	1 candidate had worked for one panel member 2 candidates had worked for another panel member
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Yours sincerely,

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