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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 25 April 2018 requesting the following information regarding Late Entry Officer Selection in the AGC (SPS) and RLC:

**For each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017:**

- How many external applicants (from other cap badges), applied for an LE commission in the AGC(SPS) for the commissioning board held in that year and what substantive rank were they?
- How many LE commissions were awarded to external applicants in the AGC(SPS) by the commissioning board held in that year and what substantive rank did they hold prior to commissioning?
- How many applications for LE commissions in the RLC were received for the commissioning board held in that year?
- How many LE commissions were awarded in the RLC by the commissioning board held in that year?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information is shown in Annex to this letter.

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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**For each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017:**

Question 1. How many external applicants (from other cap badges), applied for an LE commission in the AGC(SPS) for the commissioning board held in that year and what substantive rank were they?

<b>Rank</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
WO1	10	10	10
WO2	10	20	30
SSgt	10	20	30
Sgt	10	10	20

Question 2. How many LE commissions were awarded to external applicants in the AGC(SPS) by the commissioning board held in that year and what substantive rank did they hold prior to commissioning?

<b>Rank</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
WO1	~	~	-
WO2	~	10	~
SSgt	10	~	10
Sgt	~	10	~

Question 3. How many applications for LE commissions in the RLC were received for the commissioning board held in that year?

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
40	40	60

Question 4. How many LE commissions were awarded in the RLC by the commissioning board held in that year?

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
30	30	40

Note: 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.