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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 05 June 2018 requesting information about the Royal Army Veterinary Corps.

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



Question 1.

As at 1 January 2018, what was the RAVC soldier liability in each rank from Pte to WO1 inclusive in the dog handler/trainer and Veterinary technician trades?

Trade	Pte	LCpl	Cpl	Sgt	SSgt	WO2	WO1
Dog Handler	133	72	51	32	16	7	3
Veterinary Technician	1	5	6	4	2		
Total	134	77	57	36	18	7	3

There is no trade allocation against liability for ranks above SSgt in the dog handler/trainer and Veterinary technician trades.

Question 2.

As at 1 January 2018, what was the RAVC liability for LE Veterinary Support officers by rank in the RAVC?

Captain	Major	Lt Colonel
2	3	1

Question 3.

For each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:

- How many applications were there in the RAVC for LE commissions as a Veterinary Support Officer?
- Of these applications how many were successful each year?

	2014	2015	2016	2017
No of applications	-	-	~	~
No successful applications	-	-	~	-

Question 4.

What are the current criteria for internal transfer from the dog handler/trainer trade to the veterinary technician trade in the RAVC?

There is no formalised route for dog handlers to become veterinary technicians and therefore there are no criteria.

Question 5.

For each of the years 2016 and 2017 how many dog handlers applied to transfer to become Vet Techs and what percentage of these were successful?

	2016	2017
No applications	-	~
% of successful applications	-	100

Note: Under National Statistics rounding conventions to prevent inadvertent identification of individuals 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.