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Dear XXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email of 7 September in which you asked for the following information:

- 1. Please could you supply the data on the Rank on Exit at or after the 22-year point for the RLC Regular: Port Operators CEG from 2007-2017. Data to be numbers leaving in each rank and total leaving with % by rank. (As per DS given in MOD 2017 FOI 12042-79777)*
- 2. Please could you supply the data on the Rank Average timeframes between promotions and chances of promotion from the rank below (Pte to WO1) for the RLC Regular: Port Operators CEG from 2009 – 2016.*
- 3. During the years 2010 to 2016 how many RLC Regular: Port Operators were eligible for consideration for promotion at an APC Glasgow promotion board at each rank from Pte to WO1. Of those considered at each rank how many were promoted. Please could I have the total by each rank for years 2010 – 2016 inclusive as well as a breakdown by rank per calendar year.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

I have established that the information you requested at part two of your request is not held by the Ministry of Defence. Under the Act, a Public Authority is not required to create new information to respond to requests. The MOD holds data that could be used to produce information to answer the request. However, to produce the information based on this data would require significant data manipulation including complex analysis and sophisticated judgement to the extent that it can be considered 'new' information which is not currently held.

The information you requested at part one and three of your request can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld. Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Part one: Trade Trained Regular Army RLC Port Operator Leaving at 22+ Years Length of Service by Paid Rank from 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2017

- The figures provided are for Trade Trained Regular Army only.

- Length of service has been calculated using entry date. There are known problems with the entry date information held. Length of service may reflect current period of service, include previous service, or it may be the time that has elapsed since first joining the Armed Forces, irrespective of any break in service.
- The table includes all outflow from Regular Army with length of service 22 years or above. It does not include commission from Ranks to Officers or flows between Services.

Rank	Number of personnel	Percentage
Total	40	100%
LCpl / Cpl	5	12%
Sgt	10	20%
SSgt	10	20%
WO2 / WO1	20	49%

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Part three: Number of Port Operators eligible for consideration for promotion at an APC Glasgow promotion board at each rank from Pte to WO1 and of those considered, how many promoted.

PORT OP	PTE-LCPL		LCPL-CPL		CPL-SGT		SGT-SSGT		SSGT-WO2		WO2-WO1	
	ELIGIBLE	SELECTED	ELIGIBLE	SELECTED	ELIGIBLE	SELECTED	ELIGIBLE	SELECTED	ELIGIBLE	SELECTED	ELIGIBLE	SELECTED
2010	35	20	25	5	20	0	10	0	5	~	~	0
2011	40	15	25	5	20	~	15	5	5	~	5	0
2012	40	15	20	10	15	10	10	5	5	~	~	~
2013	35	~	25	5	15	~	10	5	~	~	0	0
2014	25	15	25	10	15	~	5	~	5	~	~	~
2015	30	15	20	10	20	5	10	~	5	5	~	~
2016	30	30	15	10	20	5	10	~	5	5	~	~

- Please note that these figures are single service estimates, produced by APC, and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics.

Part one and part three Rounding:

- Rounding is used as a means of disclosure control and the preservation of anonymity.
- Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.
- Unrounded figures are used in the calculation of percentages.
- '~' fewer than five

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow,

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Yours sincerely,

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