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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 6 September 2018, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In your e-mail you requested the following:

"Please could you provide statistics for males entering the Pilot branch. Specifically, I would be grateful if you could provide data over the last 3 years:

For graduates applying for Pilot branch:

- 1. The number of applicants per year;*
- 2. The number of candidates boarded at OASC per year;*
- 3. The number of candidates enlisted into phase 1 training per year.*

For non-graduates applying for Pilot branch:

- 4. The number of applicants per year;*
- 5. The number of candidates boarded at OASC per year;*
- 6. The number of candidates enlisted into phase 1 training per year."*

A search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The information held with regard to your first, second and third queries, male graduate applicants to Pilot branch, is:

Recruiting Year	Applicants	Booked to OASC	Attested to Phase 1 training
2015/2016	386	61	29
2016/2017	416	97	58
2017/2018	267	82	47

The information held with regard to your fourth, fifth and sixth queries, male non-graduate applicants to Pilot branch, is:

Recruiting Year	Applicants	Booked to OASC	Attested to Phase 1 training
2015/2016	1193	154	67
2016/2017	1393	210	115
2017/2018	856	200	110

Please note:

- The Recruiting Year runs from 1 April to 31 March.
- OASC refers to 'Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre'.
- The columns only show the total figures at each stage rather than the progress of specific individuals, and therefore cannot be correlated. For example, an individual may have attended OASC in one Recruiting Year and attested at Phase 1 in the following year.
- 'Boarded to OASC' figures are based on a recorded event date, which does not necessarily mean the candidate attended OASC.

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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