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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 25 September in which you requested the following information:

*'For the financial years 2010/11 to 2017/18; what percentage per annum of the Regular Army Other Ranks, based against a total serving, were subject to a compulsory or involuntary discharge. Examples being, not exhaustive, death, medical reasons, redundancy, ill-discipline and those whose services were no longer required for other reasons such as incompatibility, poor performance or failure to meet training standards.'*

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

The table below details the Regular Army Other Ranks Involuntary Outflow (IVO) rates by financial year as requested. Please note that:

- The figures are for Trade Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Home Service battalions of the Royal Irish Regiment, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, Territorial Army and all other Reserves.
- The IVO rate has been calculated by dividing IVO numbers for the financial year by strength from the 12 month rolling average strength.
- The IVO includes exit reason by Death, Medical, Admin and Discipline. These IVO figures include redundancies in financial years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16.
- Figures have been rounded to 10 for presentational purposes; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
- 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.

Financial Year	IVO	IVO Rate
2010/11	2,160	2.6%
2011/12	2,600	3.2%
2012/13	4,310	5.4%
2013/14	6,590	8.8%
2014/15	4,060	5.8%
2015/16	2,340	3.5%
2016/17	2,380	3.7%
2017/18	2,310	3.7%

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

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Yours sincerely,

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