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Dear

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2018 in which you requested the following information:

Could you provide data on the number of those serving OR's who have applied for a commission in the RM over the past five years for which you have statistics? If you could break down those applications by rank it would be additional help.

Can you provide figures by year for the number of individuals from OR2 to OR9 who, having applied, have been granted a commission? If you could break down those successful applications by rank it would be assist.

Of those OR who have successfully received their Commission during the period can you provide data on what rank they currently hold or, if they have since left the RM, their rank on departure?

Finally, can you provide data for the most recent month for which you hold statistics that breaks down the numbers for RM OR2s to OR9 and for and Officer ranks OF1-OF7 in the Corps?

Clarified to:

I require information on Royal Marine (RM) Other Ranks's (OR) concerning commissioning only.

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. A copy of the information is at Annex A to this letter.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to be aware of the officer selection process contained within BR 3 Vol (1) Naval Personnel Management, Part 4 Recruiting, Chapter 10 which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/-/media/royal-navy-responsive/documents/reference-library/br-3-vol-1/chapter-10.pdf>

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Yours sincerely

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1. In response to part 1 of your request, the table below provides the number of Royal Marine Other Ranks who passed the AIB and were considered at the Officer Final Selection Board for the period 2013-2018.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	25	20	25	35	40	40
OR9	~	~	-	~	~	-
OR8	5	5	5	5	5	5
OR7	10	5	5	10	10	10
OR6	5	10	15	15	20	20
OR4	~	~	~	5	5	5

Source: RM Promotions team

2. In response to part two of your request, the table below provides the number of Regular Royal Marine Promotion from Other Ranks to Officer by Rank and Financial Year for the period 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2018.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Total	25	20	15	15	15
OR9	~	~	~	~	~
OR8	5	5	~	5	5
OR7	10	10	5	5	5
OR6	5	~	5	5	5
OR4	-	~	-	~	-
OR3	-	~	-	~	~
OR2	5	5	~	~	~

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. Rank is paid rank as at the month prior to promotion to Officer
2. Data presented in this table shows the year in which personnel start their officer training at CTCRM. Personnel may pass their AIB and be recommended by the Final Selection Board in a previous financial year.
3. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5. Figures of 2 and below are represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'

3. In response to part three of your request, the table below provides the number of Regular Royal Marines by current rank for personnel promoted from other ranks to officer for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2018.

	Current Rank by Intake Year					Rank on	Total
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Exit	
OF2	20	20	15	10	-	~	65
OF1/OFD	-	~	~	5	15	5	25
Returned to Other Ranks	-	-	-	-	~	-	~

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. Current rank is paid rank as at 1 April 2018.
2. For personnel who left the Regular Royal Marines prior to 1 April 2018, rank is paid rank on exit.
3. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5. Figures of 2 and below are represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'

4. In response to part four of your request, the table below provides the Regular Royal Marine Strength by paid rank, as at 1 April 2018.

Table 4

Total	7010
Officers	800
OF9	1
OF7	3
OF6	13
OF5	30
OF4	120
OF3	230
OF2	290
OF1/OFD	110
Other Ranks	6210
OR9	110
OR8	230
OR7	440
OR6	670
OR4	1130
OR3	660
OR2	2980

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. Trained and untrained personnel are included.
2. Figures for OF5 and below have been rounded to the nearest 10. Figures of 5 and below are represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'.