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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2018 requesting the following information about Late Entry Commissions in the Royal Irish Regiment. For each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:

- **How many applications were received (AFB 225As) for LE commissioning in the R Irish?**
- **What was the rank of the applicants at the time of the application?**
- **Of the initial applicants, how many were awarded a LE commission?**
- **Are the unsuccessful candidates able to re-apply in subsequent years?**
- **Do the R Irish have a designated number of LE posts and if so, what are these posts and in what rank?**

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 below.

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

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

**Q1.** How many applications were received (AFB 225As) for LE commissioning in the R Irish?

**Q2.** What was the rank of the applicants at the time of the application?

**Q3.** Of the initial applicants, how many were awarded a LE commission?

**A1-3.**

| Year                             | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of applications received  | ~    | ~    | -    | ~    |
| Rank at time of application      | WO1  | WO1  | N/A  | WO1  |
| Numbers awarded an LE Commission | ~    | ~    | N/A  | ~    |

**Q4.** Are the unsuccessful candidates able to re-apply in subsequent years?

**A4.** Yes, there is no limit to the number of times that an eligible candidate may re-apply.

**Q5.** Do the R Irish have a designated number of LE posts and if so, what are these posts and in what rank?

**A5.** No, there are no LE posts tied to the R Irish.

**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.