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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 11 April in which you requested the following information:

*Could you please provide me with some information regarding success rates at Army Officer Selection Board (AOSB) Briefing and Main Board. Specifically,*

- *For each year from 2014 to 2018 inclusive how many people attended AOSB Briefing, and of these, how many gained Cat 1, Cat 2, Cat 3 and Cat 4 gradings?*
- *For each year from 2014 to 2018 inclusive how many people attended AOSB Main Board, and of these, how many passed?*

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 some information in scope of your request is held and can be found in the tables below:

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
AOSB Total Attended	848	1,502	1,570	1,654	1,391	1,350
Cat 1	314	595	572	597	486	525
Cat 2	242	425	427	380	316	289
Cat 3	159	306	363	449	410	371
Cat 4	133	176	208	228	179	165

Main Board Total Attended	632	793	965	1,160	1,223	1,055
Main Board Total Passed	386	492	596	621	639	638

Notes/Caveats:

- These figures are Single Service estimates and not official figures produced by Defence Statistics.
- Data refers to Recruiting Years, which run from 1 Apr to 31 Mar.
- AOSB totals are those that attended the full selection board and received a category grading. There will be small numbers that only attended part of the selection board, and as a result would not have received a category grading. These have not been included within this data.

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](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely,

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