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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 13 January in which you requested the following information:

“For the years 1988 to 1994, inclusive:

- 1. The number of redundancies (both voluntary and compulsory) by rank in the Royal Artillery (RA) and Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME);*
- 2. What was the liability for RA and REME SSgts, WO2s and WO1s?*
- 3. How many REME and RA SSgts, WO2s and WO1s applied for a LE Commission in the RA and REME?*
- 4. Of those, how many were Artificers?*
- 5. How many were successful by rank?*
- 6. How many of those selected for LE Commissioning were Artificers?*
- 7. What percentage of RA and REME LE Officers successfully transferred to a Reg C (LE)?”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I am writing to advise you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that some information you requested is held by the Ministry of Defence and is below. Please note that no information is held for questions 2- 4.

In response to first, fifth and sixth part of your request, please find below tables.

Table 1: Number of redundancies by Paid rank in the RA and REME for 1st April 1988 to 31st March 1994

Arm/Service	Total	Paid Rank						
		Pte	LCpl	Cpl	Sgt	SSgt	WO2	WO1
RA	700	40	40	255	255	35	70	5
REME	695	~	10	270	230	115	50	20

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Table 2: Trained LE Commissions from RA and REME for 1st April 1988 to 31st March 1994

Arm/Service	Total	Paid Rank			
		Sgt	SSgt	WO2	WO1
RA	105	~	~	~	105
<i>of which Artificers</i>	-	-	-	-	-
REME	200	-	~	20	180
<i>of which Artificers</i>	115	-	-	5	110

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

In response to last part of your request, information is not held. However, under section 16 (Advice and Assistance), please find below the strength of Trained RA and REME LE Officers who are on a Regular Late Entry Commission as on 1st April for 1988 to 1994.

Table 3: Trained RA and REME LE Officers who are on a Regular Late Entry Commission

Arm/Service	Total	Year-As at 1st April						
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
RA	995	145	145	150	150	150	135	115
REME	1,350	180	200	210	210	210	175	165
TOTAL	2,345	325	345	360	360	360	310	280

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats to all tables:

1. Figures are for trained Regular strengths only and therefore exclude Full Time Reserve Service and Gurkhas but include those individuals who have transferred from Gurkha trained adult makes (GURTAM) to UK trained adult personnel (UKTAP).
2. The data have been rounded to the nearest 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality.
3. “-” denotes zero or rounded to zero.
4. “~” fewer than 5.
5. Totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.
6. Datasets must be considered an estimate due to the way the data was recorded.
7. Table 2 includes those who commissioned from RA and REME. Commissions may have also been to another capbadge.
8. The figures in Table 3 do not correspond to RA and REME LE Officers transferred to a Reg C (LE). DS Army have supplied strength figures for those on a Regular Late Entry Commission in the RA and REME as at the 1st April over the time period requested.

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). 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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