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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 04 September in which you requested the following information:

*Could you please provide me with the following information relating to RLC soldiers?*

- 1. How many soldiers enlisted into the RLC in 2009? Of these how many are still serving?*
- 2. Of the soldiers who enlisted into the RLC in 2009, and are still serving, can you please tell me the breakdown by substantive rank and engagement type (VEng Short or VEng Full).*
- 3. How many RLC LCpls, by length of service, were considered for CONDITIONAL selection from VEng Short to VEng Full in 2017 and 2018?*

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 is held that can answer questions one and two of your request. This information is shown below. Unfortunately, following a search of our recorded information I have established that the information you have requested in question three is not held by the MOD as this is locally held within each chain of command.

- 1. a) How many soldiers enlisted into the RLC in 2009?*

### Untrained Soldiers Enlisted into the RLC in Financial Year 2009/2010

Table 1

Arm / Service	Soldiers
RLC	1,850

Source: Defence Statistics  
(Army)

Of these how many are still serving?

1. b) Of these how many are still serving?

**Cohort from Table 1 that are still Serving in the Regular Army as at 01 April 2019**

Table 1b

Cohort	Soldiers
<b>Still Serving in the Regular Army</b>	<b>420</b>
<i>Of Which</i>	
Serving in the RLC	370
Serving in Another Arm / Service	50

Source: Defence Statistics  
(Army)

2. Of the soldiers who enlisted into the RLC in 2009, and are still serving, can you please tell me the breakdown by substantive rank and engagement type (VEng Short or VEng Full).

**Cohort from Table 1b that are still Serving in the Regular RLC as at 01 April 2019.  
Broken down by Paid Rank and Contract Type**

Table 2

Contract Type	Total	Capt	Sgt	Cpl	LCpl	Pte
<b>Total</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>50</b>
Army - V Eng (Short)	230	-	-	70	110	50
Army-IRC (Full) Army-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V Eng (Full)	140	-	40	80	20	-

Source: Defence  
Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats to all Tables:

1. The Tables are for the Regular Army who enlisted into the RLC in FY 2009 / 2010 only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, Army Reserve and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.
2. The figures in table 1b and 2 include personnel who enlisted into the RLC in Financial Year 2009 / 2010 and are currently serving as at 1st April 2019. Those who have since left the Army and rejoined have not been included.
3. The figures in table 1b and 2 include soldiers who have been promoted to Officer.
4. 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.
5. "-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.
6. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

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Yours sincerely,



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