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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 18 November in which you requested the following information:

I would like to know the number of commonwealth citizens accepted for initial assessment to the British army over 2019 and the length of time it takes for them to go from the initial assessment at the AFC to the start of their Basic training i.e. how long they have had to remain in the UK before starting Basic training.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held.

In Recruiting Year 18/19, a total of 336 Commonwealth candidates were accepted and booked to attend Assessment Centres.

The average (Mean) time between successfully passing out of Assessment Centres and Basic Training Starts has been 39 Days for the same period.

This data is provided from the last complete recruiting year that ran from 01 April 2018 – 31 March 2019.

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Yours sincerely,

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