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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 13 July 2019, clarified on 24 October 2019, requesting the following information about the Army Air Corps:

I would be grateful if you were able to provide me with pertinent statistics in this matter, given the above details using a 7-year span of data from 2011 to 2018. I am interested in figures relating to:

- **How many candidates applied for flying training with the AAC?**
- **Of those who applied, how many successfully completed the selection process?**
- **How many have successfully completed flying training to date (number/%)**
- **How many individuals applied to join the AAC as soldiers?**
- **Of those who applied, how many successfully completed the selection process?**
- **How many were successful in completing basic and phase 2 training?**
- **As a soldier, what is the average total length of service on outflow**

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information you have requested is provided at Annex A.

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Yours sincerely

Civil Secretary

1. How many candidates applied for flying training with the AAC?

YEAR	TOTAL
2011	270
2012	260
2013	170
2014	170
2015	260
2016	260
2017	180
2018	130
TOTAL	1700

2. Of those who applied, how many successfully completed the selection process?

Not held

3. How many have successfully completed flying training to date (number/%)

Not held

4. How many individuals applied to join the AAC as soldiers?

Not held

5. Of those who applied, how many successfully completed the selection process?

770 (the intake into Army Air Corps as a soldier - trained and untrained)

6. How many were successful in completing basic and phase 2 training?

YEAR	Completed basic training and started Ph 2 training	Completed Ph 2
2011	80	30
2012	60	80
2013	80	50
2014	90	80
2015	110	100
2016	100	120
2017	70	80
2018	60	60
TOTAL	660	600

7. As a soldier, what is the average total length of service on outflow?

12 years, 3 months (based on Army Air Corps Other Ranks outflow from the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2018).

Notes/Caveats:

There was a change of training definition in 2016. Before this point everyone was considered Trained on completion of training, there was no Basic Trained (Phase1) or Phase 2 definition.

The figures are for Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reserves.

Figures include those people with an armcorps AAC on entry. Those who enter without a specific armcorps who may later become AAC have not been included.

There are a number of people who switch Armcorps during Training.

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. Figures below 5 are denoted by ~, zero is denoted by -.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.