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XXX XXXXXX,

Thank you for your WhatDoTheyKnow submission of 29 August in which you requested the following information:

Is there a consistent level of overmanning in Cpl and Sgt ranks in the RLC in specific CEG / trades? If there is please can you tell me in which trades the overmanning at Cpl level and at Sgt level this has happened over the last five years (2015 - 2020) by year.

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 the MOD holds information within the scope of your enquiry.

The answer to your question is that there is not a consistent level of overmanning in Cpl and Sgt ranks in the RLC in any specific CEG or Trade.

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Yours sincerely,

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