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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 February, requesting the following details:

- **I would be grateful if you would provide the following information relating to the Infantry, generally and the Parachute Regiment, in particular, for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017:**

The number of applications for conversion to VEng (Long) by rank.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you have requested is not held. However, under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, the number of successful applications is held. These are shown at Annex A.

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Yours sincerely

Civil Secretary

Applications for conversion to VEng (Long) by rank in the Infantry and Parachute Regiment – 2015 to 2017:

	2015	2016	2017
Infantry	Sgt x ~	WO2 x ~	WO1 x ~ WO2 x ~ Sgt x ~
Parachute Regiment	-	-	-

Rounding:

Under National Statistics rounding conventions all figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded up to the nearest multiple of 10 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 are denoted by ~, zero is denoted by -.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.