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Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your letter 20 May 2019 regarding the response sent to you for your Freedom of Information request dated 21 March 2019 in which you asked:

Question

1. *How many people applied to join the RAF as commissioned Aircrew?*
2. *Of these how many (or percentage) were subsequently invited to attend the Officer & Aircrew Selective Centre ("OASC")?*
3. *Of those who were invited to attend the OASC in each of the years how many (or percentage) went on to become pilots in the RAF?"*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Please accept our apologies for the incorrect information contained within your original response, the full response to your question is detailed below.

Question 1

Persons Applying for Commissioned Aircrew 2014 – 2017

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	Total
Pilot	1619	1919	2219	5757
RPAS (P)	99	251	290	640
WSO	12	70	78	160
Total	1730	2240	2587	6557

RPAS - Remotely Piloted Air System Pilots
WSO - Weapons System Operator.

Question 2

Persons Applying for Commissioned Aircrew 2014 to 2017 subsequently invited to Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC).

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	Total
Pilot	140	195	245	580
RPAS (P)	22	41	46	109
WSO	0	31	11	42
Total	162	267	302	731

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Persons Applying for Commissioned Aircrew 2014 to 2017 who were selected as Aircrew and entered Initial Officer Training

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	Total
Pilot	73	129	100	302
RPAS (P)	3	23	19	45
WSO	0	17	12	29
Total	76	169	131	376

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Yours sincerely,

Air Command Secretariat