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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of the 20 September 2019 requesting the following information;

*Please could I have information regarding the number of original applicants vs number of applicants offered a place on the Initial Officer Training (regardless of whether that offer was accepted) for RAF Engineering Officer applicants in the years 2010 to 2018, inclusive, for the:*

- a) Aerosystems branch,*
- b) Communication Electronics branch*

*Please could the information be presented as number of applicants vs number successful, and percentage.*

*Please also provide information on the number and rate of applicants that withdrew their application before OASC stage in the years 2010-2018, inclusive, for RAF Engineering Officer:*

- a) Aerosystems branch*
- b) Communication Electronics branch*

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, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

A copy of the information you have requested is attached at Annex A.

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Annex A

	Recruitment Years							
	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
<b>Applications</b>								
Engineer (AeroSystems Branch)	154	92	234	277	489	806	760	455
Engineer (Communications electronics Branch)	82	139	88	225	201	307	284	181
<b>Withdrawn (No Officer and Selection Centre Date)</b>								
Engineer (AeroSystems Branch)	38	19	22	25	64	93	122	104
Engineer (Communications electronics Branch)	18	12	6	10	20	23	20	31
<b>Intakes</b>								
Engineer (AeroSystems Branch)	19	24	22	21	33	42	47	72
Engineer (Communications electronics Branch)	13	16	14	12	15	22	20	41

Withdrawn applications includes all applications withdrawn where there is no Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC) event booked or the applications have been withdrawn at any stage prior to OASC.

The number of applications for recruiting year 2017/2018 does not include any manually processed applications.