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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 18th June 2022 stating the following:

“... Are you able to provide the following data for Reserves.

Other Ranks

•Other Ranks Career Progression (Promotion) Table – By Gender, Capbadge and Rank

Average length of service By Gender, Capbadge and Rank

to use 7 financial years of data, 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2020.”

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. I must explain that under the Act a Public Authority is not required to create new information to respond to requests. The MOD holds data that could be used to produce information to answer the request. However, due to the underlying data quality, to produce meaningful, robust and useable information based on this data would require significant data manipulation including complex analysis and sophisticated judgement to the extent that it can be considered ‘new’ information which is not currently held.

However, under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide the requester with advice and assistance while processing their request. Some of the information you have requested is in the public domain in our [Quarterly Statistics Personnel Statistics publication](#) (Please see Tables 11c and 11d).

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely,

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