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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 March 2021, in which you requested the following information:

"Please could you provide the following statistics for candidates entering the Pilot branch under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Specifically, I would be grateful if you could provide data over the last 3 fiscal years for candidates applying for the Pilot branch:

- 1. The number of applicants per year;*
- 2. The number of candidates boarded at OASC per year;*
- 3. The number of candidates enlisted into phase one training each year as Pilot;*
- 4. FY 2021/2022 proposed Pilot intake numbers;*
- 5. Current number of Pilot applicants awaiting OASC."*

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.

Please see table below for data relating to Questions 1 to 3:

Financial Year	Number of applicants per year	Number of applicants boarded at OASC per year	Number of candidates enlisted into Phase 1 training each year as a pilot
20/21	2490	50	40
19/20	2800	190	30
18/19	2860	170	70

With regard to Question 4, the proposed number pilot intake numbers for FY 2021/2022 will be 100.

Turning to Question 5, the current number of pilot applicants awaiting attendance at Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC) is 100.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data for Questions 1, 2, 3 and 5 have been rounded to the nearest 10. When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

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

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 me in the first instance. 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). 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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