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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting:

- “- how many vetting applications for new recruits you have put through in 2022 by month*
- how many were completed*
- How many vetting applications were terminated before the end of the vetting was completed*
- how many vetting applications were terminated because a candidate found work elsewhere*
- How long was the longest vetting application in days*
- How long was the shortest vetting application in days”*

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 MOD and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held and can be found at Annex A in table one and table two.

I can also confirm that the MOD do not hold information on the following and are not aware of any other organisation that would hold this data:

- “- How many vetting applications were terminated before the end of the vetting was completed*
- how many vetting applications were terminated because a candidate found work elsewhere”*

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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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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VETTING APPLICATION INFORMATION

Table 1: Number of applications requested by month.

Month	Number
Jan	159
Feb	98
Mar	129
Apr	133
May	165
Jun	122
Jul	159
Aug	157
Sep	124
Oct	135
Nov	137
Dec	81
Total	1,599

Table 2: Related information requested.

Number of completed vetting applications	1,594
Longest vetting application in days	816 days
Shortest vetting application in days	1 day