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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 03 May 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about recruitment under Exception 1 of the Civil Service Commission principles.

You requested the following information:

> *"…. how many people your department recruited under Exception 1 of the Civil Service Commission principles in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?...."*

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 all information in scope of your request is held.

The number of people recruited under Exception 1 of the Civil Service Commission principles is as follows:

Year	People recruited under Exception 1
2017	111
2018	120
2019	62
2020	27
2021	31

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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Yours sincerely

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