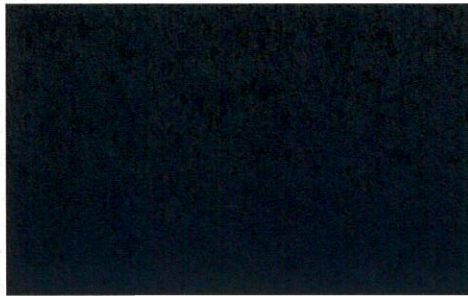




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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 March 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'I am currently undertaking research into career patterns for OR 1-9 in the Royal Marines and I believe you may be able to assist in a number of areas;

1. Are you able to provide data for the number of RM Other Ranks who apply for a formal Engagement Stage 3 (ES3) to extend their service beyond the 20 year point for the most recent three year period for which you have data, broken down by rank.
2. Of those who apply and attend ES3 selection at a Board in Mar/Apr for SNCOs and Sep/Oct for JNCOs and other ranks are you able to provide the number or percentage who are successful for the most recent three year period for which you have data, broken down by rank ?
3. Are you able to provide the numbers of ES3 vacancies for each specialisation and rank for the most recent three year period for which you have data ?
4. Other than an extension under ES3 are you are to provide data for the number of applications for alternative extensions of RM service under existing regulations, for a) a Career Manager's Extension of Service (EOS) and b) Full EOS ?
5. Are you able to provide data on the average period for with a Career Manager's and Full EOS have been offered for the most recent three year period for which you have data, broken down by rank ?
6. Can you provide data on the number of RM ORs who have first extended their service via the Career Manager/Full EOS but who have subsequently transferred their status to a full ES3 ?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm some limited information in scope of your request is held in respect of part one of your request and is provided below. No information is held in respect of the remainder of your request.

Extended Career (Extension of Service) Board Results for 2017-2019

Year	Rank	No selected	No of Applications
2017	Marine to Warrant Officer 2	64	
2018	Marine to Warrant Officer 2	56	
2019	Marine to Warrant Officer 2	57	288

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), the policy for Extensions of Service for Naval personnel is available within Book of Reference (BR) 3 "Naval Personnel Regulations", Chapter 49, Articles 4926-4933. This can be accessed via the following link:

http://web.apps.royalnavy.r.mil.uk/fpgo/BRd_0001_4999/BRd_0003/BRd_3_1/05_Contentents.html

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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section