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Dear Mr [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 17 January requesting information about recruitment. I will answer each of your points in turn:

1. *The number of individuals who made an application to join the British Army between April 2012 and March 2013, separately as Officers and Other Ranks if possible.*

The total number of applications held for the period April 2012 to March 2013 is as follows:

Regular Officer	Reserve Officer	Regular Soldier	Reserve Soldier
7,230	2,320	45,290	24,690

2. *The number of individuals who attempted the BARB test, passed and failed, between April 2012 and March 2013, separately as Officers and Other Ranks if possible.*

BARB (British Army Recruitment Battery test) is only taken by soldier candidates. A total of 30,580 BARB Tests results were recorded for this time period (24,550 Regular Army and 6,030 Army Reserves). Of those, only 200 recorded a score of less than 26 (the minimum General Trainee Index (GTI) score required for entry into an Army trade.)

3. *The minimum General Trainability Index (GTI) score needed for specific roles in the British Army, including the highest and lowest (scores and roles).*

The minimum GTI score required is 26, and this applies to the Infantry trades. Royal Military Police trades have the highest GTI requirement of 60.

4. *The number of individuals who attended the Assessment Centre Interview, passed and failed, between April 2012 and March 2013.*

The total numbers for attendance and results from Army Assessment Centres for the period April 2012 to March 2013 are as follows:

Passed	10480
Failed/Failed to attend	800
Deferred (could come back)	1810

5. *The number of individuals who attended the Army Officer Selection Board (AOSB), passed and failed, between April 2012 and March 2013.*

The total numbers for attendance and results from the Army Officer Selection Board (AOSB), between April 2012 and March 2013 are as follows:

Attended	960
Passed	520
Failed	450

6. *The number of individuals who attempted a Technical Selection Test (TST), passed and failed, between April 2012 and March 2013.*

The Technical Standards Test (TST) is only taken by soldier candidates who are entering a technical trade. A total of 4,580 TST results are recorded for this time period (4,180 Regular and 400 Reserve). Only 160 candidates failed to achieve the minimum score of 16.

7. *The number of individuals who were given a formal offer of employment and a start date for initial training between April 2012 and March 2013, separately as Officers and Other Ranks if possible.*

All officer candidates were given a formal Job Offer by RMAS Sandhurst within 2 weeks of passing AOSB Main Board during the period April 2012 to March 2013. This comprised 440 Regulars and 60 Reserves. Their intake date may have been provisional, based on the fact that some officer candidates do not enter training until several years after they have passed Main Board. A total of 9,340 soldier candidates were given a formal job offer and a Phase 1 training start date in the time period. This comprised 7870 Regulars and 1470 Reserves.

8. *The number of individuals who attended initial training between April 2012 and March 2013, separately as Officers and Other Ranks if possible.*

The total numbers of those who commenced initial training during the period April 2012 to March 2013 are as follows:

Regular Soldier	9350
Regular Officer	590
Reserve Soldier	2700
Reserve Officer	50

Note that in line with Defence Statistics policy, all figures have been rounded to 10. All figures ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

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