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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 27 November requesting the following information about the Army Officer Selection Board (AOSB):

*'For each of the years 2007, 2011, 2012 and 2013:
How many candidates attended an AOSB Briefing?
Of these, how many were graded in each Category 1, 2, 3 and 4?'*

The requested information is as follows:

AOSB Briefings	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Attendees
2007	790	350	130	80	1370
2011	920	560	200	310	2010
2012	620	480	220	420	1790
2013	330	270	150	150	950

A small number of those attending Briefings have no outcome recorded or were sent away.

*'How many candidates attended the AOSB Main Board?
Of these how many passed and how many failed?
Of those who passed, what percentage were (or had been) members of a UOTC?
Of those who passed, what percentage were trained soldiers?
Of those who passed Main Board in the year 2007, how many subsequently failed to take up a place at RMAS?'*

The requested information is as follows:

AOSB Main Boards	Passes	Fails	Attendees	Soldiers	Soldiers %
2007	820	390	1210	40	5%
2011	620	570	1190	60	10%
2012	490	500	990	50	10%
2013	350	240	600	30	8%

No separate data is held on the UOTC element of the AOSB passes. Of those who passed Main Board in 2007, 50 subsequently failed to take up a place at Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Data is by calendar year. All figures have been rounded to the nearest 10. Figures ending in '5' have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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