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Dear

Thank you for your email of 28 May requesting the following information:

*'I am currently undertaking research into recruitment patterns for officers in the British Army in recent years. The years I am interested in are April 2010/ March 2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 (if those recent figures are available yet)*

*Could you provide me with a) figures for the total number of applications received from those applying for officer selection, excluding those who had applied for the Army Scholarship programme. I am interested in adult applicants only.*

*b) the number of those applicants who were invited for interview*

*c) the number of those who attended for interview how many were successful and selected to commence officer training at RMA.*

*And finally of those who commenced officer training how many were subsequently commissioned into the Army?'*

Information held relating to Regular Officers by Recruiting Year, which runs from April to March, is shown in the following table:

Army Officers	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Total Regular Officer Applications	9490	11400	7230	4280
Total Regular Officer attending Army Officer Selection Board Briefing	1640	1750	1280	700
Total Regular Officer attending Army Officer Selection Board Main Board	1480	1060	870	520
Total UK Regular Officer Intake to Commissioning Course, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst	700	770	680	590
Total UK Regular Completions of Commissioning Course, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst	580	650	640	530

The data provided reflects the volume for each period. It is not possible to provide an accurate cohort analysis (that is, successive totals are not necessarily comprised of the same individuals within the previous groupings). This is because the officer recruiting process can take several years, from initial application, selection and university to attendance at Sandhurst.

Figures have been rounded to 10; numbers ending in '5' are 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](mailto: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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