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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 11 August 2014 requesting information on Royal Marines applications, interviews and passing out for the years 2010/11 and 2011/12. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you requested and taking your questions in turn:

Q1. The total number of applicants received for employment as a Royal Marine during the years 2010/11 and 2011/12?

A1. 2010/11 – 4350 applications, 2011/12 – 3300 applications.

Q2. The number of these applicants which were invited for interview?

A2. 2010/11 – 2050 interviewed, 2011/12 – 1650 interviewed.

Q3. The number of those applicants who successfully completed training and "passed out".

A3. 2010/11 – 700 passed out, 2011/12 – 510 passed out.

To clarify, these statistics exclude applications for commissioned officer and are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 or more rounded up and 4 or less rounded down.

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Yours sincerely

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