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Dear Mr Hemming,

Thank you for your email of 2 October 2020 in which you request the following information:

*“You have previously answered this question for ACSC courses 14-18: see following link for the details and rapid methodology:  
[https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Fdeparture from service of attend%23incoming-1074007&data=02%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7Cac9ffadfc724560047808d8671c0583%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637372717347463944&sdata=uKO%2FDk8U%2BGx6AJ%2BdqOxRAZZq%2FD2kSfmfjU2qWt10ew%3D&reserved=0](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Fdeparture%20from%20service%20of%20attend%23incoming-1074007&data=02%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7Cac9ffadfc724560047808d8671c0583%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637372717347463944&sdata=uKO%2FDk8U%2BGx6AJ%2BdqOxRAZZq%2FD2kSfmfjU2qWt10ew%3D&reserved=0)*

*Please repeat with the same table for the courses 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 added to the original table. Please also provide a total for the number of people leaving before 30 months for all courses from 14-23 (10 courses) and, the total number repaying a training return of service for all courses from 14-23 (10 courses). I am aware that courses 21, 22, and 23 are not yet at 30 months after the end of the course so please include those who have departed service by the date you complete the work and confirm this date below the table.”*

Please accept our apologies for the slight delay in our response, we unfortunately experienced difficulties in getting confirmation of the final elements of the data.

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and writing to confirm that the MOD holds information on the subject you have requested. Information in scope of your request is provided in the table at Annex A. However, in order to protect personal information governed by the Data Protection Act 2018, Section 40(2) of the FOIA has been applied to parts of it. The reason for this is because there are a low number of records within scope of your request and releasing this information could potentially enable identification of individuals, either now or in the future, when it might be combined with other information. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

JFD Secretariat

Course	How many UK personnel completed the course	How many left or will leave before 31 Jan of the year stated in the course title	How many left within 30 months	How many have been required to make a repayment under what Defence terms 'Training Return of Service'	The amount of repayment requested per day of service un-served
ACSC 23	155	0	0	0	N/A
ACSC 22	150	0	0	0	N/A
ACSC 21	155	~	~	0	N/A
ACSC 20	175	~	0	0	N/A
ACSC 19	180	0	0	0	N/A
ACSC 18	195	15	10	0	N/A
ACSC 17	185	10	10	0	N/A
ACSC 16	175	10	5	0	N/A
ACSC 15	165	10	5	0	N/A
ACSC 14	180	~	~	~	Withheld s40
TOTAL			30	~	

The figures are rounded to the nearest 5 using government rounding policy and using the ~ as a substitute for numbers less than 5.