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Dear Mr Wallace

Thank you for your email of 7th December 2015 requesting the following information:

“Number of people(all ranks) leaving the ARMY 2005,2006,2007.....2015. Number of people(all ranks) leaving the RAF 2005,2006,2007.....2015. Number of people(all ranks) leaving the Navy 2005,2006,2007.....2015.

Also for each service (army/navy/raf) and year, I would like to request, average length of service in years.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. In particular, please provide an answer to each of the following.

1. Are you interested in figures for financial years or calander years?
2. The data necessary to calculate average length of service figures is held from 1st February 2007. Please clarify whether you would prefer average length of service figures for;
 - a. financial years from FY07/08 to FY14/15 or
 - b. calander years from 2007 to 2014?

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st 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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