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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email on the 19 July 2018 in which you request the following information:

- 1) *"The number of international/foreign/overseas students who has studied in the Defence Academy and in its constituent Colleges and Business Units each year since 2016.*
- 2) *A breakdown by countries of origin and by constituent college or business unit."*

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

I can confirm the information in scope is held and provided in the tables attached. To help you understand the information within the attachments I have also provided you with an explanation of the abbreviations which can be found underneath the tables.

You should note that in previous years (15/16 and 16/17) the data was recorded by academic year which starts in September one year and ends the August of the following year. However, this year (17/18) we have begun a new process and now record data by financial year which begins in April one year and ends in March the following year.

I should also explain that the data provided in the attachments does not represent one student attending one course from one country. One student could decide to attend multiple courses over their duration at the Defence Academy which means that the data shows the total student attendances rather than the total of individual students by country. The data also includes student numbers which have attended courses delivered overseas by the Defence Academy.

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Yours sincerely,

JFD Secretariat