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By e-mail: request-194815-0b8dbfb7@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Bannister,

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 January in which you requested the following information:

the total number of personnel accepted into the role of Pilot at OASC in the year 2013.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds information within scope of your request.

I should point out that recruitment statistics are recorded in conjunction with financial years. The table below sets out the number of pilots accepted into the Service in the 2012/13 and 2013/14 (to date) financial years.

Financial Year	Number of Pilots Accepted into Service
2012/13	-
2013/14*	40

Notes: (a) in accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data has been rounded to the nearest 10;

(b) “-” denotes zero.

* as at 29 January 2014.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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**, 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,

Air Command Secretariat