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Mr Kanye West

Via email :

Dear Mr West

Request for Information – Final Response

Further to my letter of 4th April, I am now able to make a substantive response to your request for information regarding aspects of the RN promotion process between OF2 and OF3 ranks. Your specific queries were as follows:

- 1) During the last promotion round (Feb 2012), how many Officers were eligible for promotion from OF2 to OF3? I'd be grateful for a breakdown by branch if at all possible.
- 2) Of those eligible for promotion from OF2 to OF3, how many were graded A, B+, B and C? (These definitions are included at para 6614, Ch 66 of BR 3).
- 3) How many Officers not in date for RNFT and not in possession of a waiver were considered for promotion from OF2 to OF3 during February's selection board?
- 4) How many Officers not in date for RNFT and not in possession of a waiver were selected for promotion from OF2 to OF3 during February's selection board?
- 5) Other than those documents listed at para 6613, Ch 66 of BR 3, are guidance notes of any description provided to promotion board members in order to assist them in selecting Officers for promotion? If so, I would be grateful for a copy of those used during the last OF2-OF3 promotions board.
- 6) Are Officers of the RN and RM Reserves subject to the same quality line as those of the regular service in terms of selection for promotion? If not, please explain in what regard the standard differs.

I will respond in the order of the queries posed:

1) and 2). The first attachment to this letter is a spreadsheet supplying the information requested in these two queries.

3) and 4). Zero in both cases

5) A number of word documents are also attached which are the ones used to amplify the instructions in BR3 Ch 66.

6). RNR officers are currently considered by promotion boards run by COMMARRES. However the boards are conducted in accordance with BR3 Ch 66 and particularly the definition of "MERIT" contained therein. It would be very difficult to comment on the quality line as the Regular and RNR branches do not align exactly. RNR boards are run when required by Proms and are considered by the same Board as the Regulars (there was no requirement in 2012). RNR promotions are being integrated into the Regular Promotions Directorate later this year as part of the Navy Command Review and greater alignment will be achieved as a result of this change.

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 Head of Corporate Information, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xx 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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