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Dear Mr Bell-Walker,

Thank you for your email of 31 July in which you requested the following information:

"I would be grateful if you could provide the following information on the REME

1) The % of VMs in the Artificer and Artisan career streams

2) What is the overall % chance of being selected for Artificer training

a) prior to PAAB b) post PAAB

3) What is the criteria selection by ASCLB please breakdown merit/ seniority/other

4) On average how many times is a candidate considered by ASCLB before being selected

5) What % of Cpl's and Sgt's are selected

6) Given that Artificer candidates can appear before the ASCLB on numerous occasions are a candidates chances enhanced or diminished by subsequent considerations?

7) Given that candidates can appear on numerous occasions at ASCLB, is it accurate to assume after becoming eligible for ASCLB it is just a waiting list with selection almost a certainty?"

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, it would be useful to know the date range that you would like to obtain information from, for example would you like this information for the last 3 financial years?

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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