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Dear John,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question (UIN 8311) of 8 January 2024, asking how many people had their application to join the Armed Forces rejected because they did not meet the education requirements for Other Ranks and Officer recruitment in each year since 2010. You will recall that I responded on 16 January to advise it would take time to collate the requested information. I am now able to respond substantively to your questions, using single Service estimates. Please see the attached Excel Workbook.

A copy of this letter, and the Excel Workbook, have been placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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