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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10th August 2015 requesting the following information:

"1) What is the role of "Commander Personnel and Support Command" and how does that differ from Adjutant General?"

2) What is the role of Standing Joint Force Commander, who/what does he command and who does he report to?"

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

- 1) The Adjutant General, as the Army Principal Personnel Officer, currently has responsibility for both developing personnel policies and delivering them. The post has sat within the 4 star Army Headquarters.

The ongoing Army Command Review is developing a revised Army Operating Model structured around a strategic 4-star headquarters responsible for policy, and two 3-star delivery commands (Field Army and Personnel Support Command). Under this new operating model the Adjutant General's responsibilities are being split as follows:

- Within the 4-star Army Headquarters, the Deputy Chief of the General Staff will provide overall policy direction as the Army Principal Personnel Officer and, below him, Director Personnel will own the development of personnel policies.
- The 3-star level Commander Personnel Support Command will assume responsibility for the delivery elements of the Adjutant General's portfolio: recruiting; individual training (officers and soldiers); career management and postings. The Command will therefore include the Military Secretary's Organisation and the Army Personnel Centre, the Army Recruiting and Training Division and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

For completeness, Personnel Support Command will also include the current Support Command (to be re-titled Regional Command) to provide the Army's institutional support, including: civil engagement; cadets; Firm Base and Garrisons; Recovery Capability; welfare; and veterans, including the Regular Reserve.

- 2) The recently established Standing Joint Forces Commander will command the new Standing Joint Force Headquarters, which will stand ready to deploy and command the Joint Expeditionary Force when assigned to a range of small to medium scale deployments and will provide a rapid response for a range of military tasks. The deployable command staff will train and prepare to provide operational level command and control to meet the full spectrum of operations. The Standing Joint Force Headquarters will also conduct activities to develop the likely future force, enabling formations and the services to work more effectively together, thus ultimately delivering increasingly capable and credible military capability.

The current Joint Force Headquarters and Joint Force Logistics Component Headquarters will move under the command of the Standing Joint Forces Commander. When not on operations the Commander will report to the Director General Joint Force Development and when deployed on operations will report to the Chief of Joint Operations.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 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,

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