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Your Reference: email dated [REDACTED]

Date: 22nd April 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FOI [REDACTED]

Your correspondence dated [REDACTED] has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

“I am specifically looking for the number of UK personnel that deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. I would also like to know the number of personnel currently serving at this time.”

Please find enclosed the information you requested.

At 28th February 2014, the number of UK personnel deployed to Iraq since 2001 was **141,640**; the number of UK personnel deployed to Afghanistan since 2001 was **140,350**.

Data Sources

1. Deployment data is derived from the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) `Move and Track` system using the `deployed country code` and `deployed unit location` fields. All reported personnel have a current deployment record within the JPA Move & Track database.
2. This figure does not include personnel who deployed to Afghanistan between the periods 1 January 2003 and 14 October 2005 for which data is not available.

Data Definitions

1. Data exclude all Special Forces personnel, personnel aboard the Naval afloat and personnel who are deployed to supporting operation posts which are not geographically located within Afghanistan or Iraq.
2. These figures exclude personnel deployed to supporting operational posts in the Joint Operational Area.
3. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, with figures of 5 or below denoted by –

At 01 March 2014, the full time trained strength of the UK Armed Forces was **151,170**. Further information on current strengths of the UK Armed Forces can be seen in the **UK Armed Forces**



Monthly Personnel Report, which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-national-and-official-statistics-by-topic>

I hope you find this helpful.

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, 2nd 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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

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Yours sincerely,

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