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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 23 November 2016 requesting the following information:

- **Number of personnel for each rank of the RAF:**
  - o **Commissioned Ranks (MRAF, Air Chief Marshal, Air Marshal, Air Vice-Marshal, Air Commodore, Group Captain, Wing Commander, Squadron Leader, Flight Lieutenant, Flying Officer, Pilot Officer)**
  - o **Non-Commissioned Ranks (Warrant Officer, Flight Sergeant, Chief Technician, Sergeant)**

**If possible, could I also obtain the stats for the equivalent ranks for the Army and the Royal Navy?**

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

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held.

Under **Section 21** of the FOIA (Information Reasonably Accessible to the Applicant by Other Means), figures for UK Regulars split by NATO Rank from 2012 to 2016 are available in Table 11a of the Excel Workbook which forms part of the Monthly Service Personnel Statistics publication, available at: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/569204/Monthly\\_Service\\_Personnel\\_Statistics\\_1October16.xlsx](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/569204/Monthly_Service_Personnel_Statistics_1October16.xlsx)

Information regarding the alignment between NATO Ranks and the equivalent UK Service Ranks can be found at: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/569187/Tri-Service\\_Glossary\\_-\\_Nov16.pdf#page=10](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/569187/Tri-Service_Glossary_-_Nov16.pdf#page=10)

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Yours sincerely,

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