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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 27/07/2017 requesting the following information:

“Statistics for all Fijians serving in the UK (Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force)”

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 assuming that the request was based on information on all Fijian national serving in the UK Armed Forces, please see below for the information requested.

Table 1. The number of UK Regular¹ personnel that have a nationality² of Fijian who are stationed in the UK³

	1 Apr 17
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	100
<i>of which stationed in the UK</i>	<i>100</i>
Army	1350
<i>of which stationed in the UK</i>	<i>1190</i>
Royal Air Force	10
<i>of which stationed in the UK</i>	<i>10</i>

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Notes

1. UK Regulars Full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, but excluding Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), High Readiness Reserve (HRR) and Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) personnel. Unless otherwise stated, includes trained and untrained personnel.
2. Nationality is a self declared field and is reported as recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system.
3. UK Regular Forces data are sourced from the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system. Location data are based on the stationed location of the individual as recorded in the 'Assignment Location' field of the JPA system. The figures are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence - where personnel work isn't necessarily where they live. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location.

Rounding

All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 denoted by ~, zero denoted by -.

Table 2. The number of Future Reserves 2020¹ personnel that have a nationality² of Fijian who are stationed in the UK³

	1 Apr 17
Maritime Reserve	-
<i>of which stationed in the UK</i>	- ^e
Army Reserve	30
<i>of which stationed in the UK</i>	30 ^e
Royal Air Force Reserves	~
<i>of which stationed in the UK</i>	~ ^e

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Notes

1. The FR20 Volunteer Reserve population includes mobilised Volunteer Reserves, High Readiness Reserves (HRR) and those volunteer reserves serving on Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) and Additional Duties Commitment (ADC). Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI), Sponsored Reserves and University Officer Cadets are excluded.
2. Nationality is a self declared field and is reported as recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA)
3. Reserve personnel numbers are sourced from the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system. Location data are based on the location of the Unit attended by the individual as recorded in the JPA system. The figures are based on Service personnel's Unit location and not their location of residence – the Unit that Reservists attend isn't necessarily where they live. For Reservists with specialist skills posted to National Units the Posted Unit may be a long way from where they live.

Rounding

All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 denoted by -, zero denoted by ~, and ^e represents estimates.

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Yours sincerely,

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