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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 30th August 2019 requesting the following information:

“...how many Fijians (Fiji Born) nationals are serving in the British Armed Forces.”

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 and is included in the below table.

Table 1: Trained and Untrained UK Armed Forces reporting Fijian Nationality (1 April 2019)

	UK Regular Armed Forces	Future Reserves 2020	Total
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	90	~	100
Army	1,370	20	1,390
Royal Air Force	10	~	10
Total	1,480	20	1,500

Notes:

- UK Regulars are full-time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, excluding FTRS personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guarding Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), and Non Regular Permanent Service (NRPS).
- Future Reserves 2020 includes Volunteer Reserves who are mobilised, High Readiness Reserves and those Volunteer Reserves serving on Full-time Reserve Service (FTRS) and Additional Duties Commitment (ADC). Sponsored Reserves who provide a more cost effective solution than Volunteer Reserves are also included in the Army Reserve FR20.
- Figures in this table have been rounded to the nearest 10, though numbers ending in a “5” have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent the systematic bias caused by always rounding numbers upwards. Figures less than 5 have been denoted with ~

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Yours sincerely,

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