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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 16 July 2015 requesting the following information:

*1. Between 1st January 1991 and 31st October 2014, how many British Armed Forces personnel deployed to each of the following Operational Theatres: 1991 Gulf War (Granby), Iraq (Telic), Iraq (current operations against I.S), Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Afghanistan (Herrick), UK Independent Nuclear Deterrent? Please provide the number of unique individuals deployed to each Theatre.*

*(If someone deployed to NI, Granby, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, please could you count them as 1. Likewise, in the incidence of multiple tours to the same theatre, please just count the first deployment.)*

*2. Between 1st January 1991 and 31st October 2014, how many British Armed Forces reservists deployed to each of the following Operational Theatres: 1991 Gulf War (Granby), Iraq (Telic), Iraq (current operations against I.S), Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Afghanistan (Herrick), UK Independent Nuclear Deterrent? Please provide the number of unique individuals deployed to each Theatre.*

*(If someone deployed to NI, Granby, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, please could you count them as 1. Likewise, in the incidence of multiple tours to the same theatre, please just count the first deployment.)*

We are 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 some information in scope of your request is held.

For the first part of the request this information is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act and is not subject to a public interest test because the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means. A link to a previous Freedom of Information request answering the first part of your request can be found at the link below.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/412959/PUBLIC\\_142529322\\_3.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/412959/PUBLIC_142529322_3.pdf)

With regards to the second part of the request, please be advised that there were no deployments to "**Iraq (current operations against I.S)**" in the time period you have requested data for. Furthermore, Reservists can only be identified in the deployment records from April 2007 onwards, following the implementation of Joint Personnel Administration; therefore only deployments after April 2007 are provided. Reserves

deployment data on UK Independent Nuclear Deterrents and deployments during the Gulf conflict cannot be provided for the same reasons outlined in the previously answered FOI referenced above.

Please see below a table outlining the number of unique Reserve individuals deployed to each country of operations requested between 1 April 2007 and the 31st October 2014.

	Iraq	Afghanistan	Northern Ireland	Bosnia
<b>Number of individual UK Reserve Personnel on deployments between 1 April 2007 to 31 October 14</b>	1,280	8,470	240	60

Source Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

**Notes:**

1. The deployments above include all individuals deployed to the specific country of operation as defined by the request. Data only includes personnel who are deployed to an overseas location with an assigned country code. All personnel on overseas training exercises are excluded from the total figures published.
2. 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 deployment record within the JPA Move & Track database.
3. Totals do not include repeat tours to the same country so each individual is only recorded once per country. If personnel were deployed to more than one of the countries listed above, they would be reported against each of the countries they were deployed to.
4. Reserves are identified by their assign type as recorded on JPA. Reserves include anyone identified as: Called Out Reservist, Expeditionary Forces Institute, Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS), High Readiness Reserve, Mobilised Regular Army Reserve Officer, Mobilised Regular Reserve, Mobilised Army Reserve, Navy-Marines Non-Regular FTRS, Non-Regular Permanent Staff, Officer Training Corps, Regular Reserve, Sponsored Reserve and Volunteer Reservists.
5. Due to the implementation of Joint Personnel Administration system in April 2007, it is only possible to accurately determine whether or not an individual is a Reservist from data recorded after April 2007.

**Rounding**

Figures have been rounded to 10 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

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.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

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Yours sincerely,

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