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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 January 2017 in which you requested the following information:

1. *the numbers of women and of men in the Reserves, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015.*
2. *no of QARNNS for 1990, 1995, 2000.*
3. *no of women in the RN in 2010'*

Your enquiry is considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. The information that we are able to provide can be found below:

Question 1. *the numbers of women and of men in the Reserves, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015.*

Data for volunteer reserves is not detailed by gender prior to 2001, therefore data is provided showing the numbers of personnel as at 1 April in 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2015. Data for 2001 to 2010 has been extracted from published data available at the first hyperlink below; data for 2015 is consistent with the UK armed forces biannual diversity statistics published at the second hyperlink below:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/index.php/publications/personnel/military/reserves-and-cadets-strengths>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-biannual-diversity-statistics-2015>

Question 1. Number of Volunteer Maritime Reserves, split by gender as at 1 April for 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2015:

	01-Apr-01	01-Apr-05	01-Apr-10	01-Apr-15
Men total	3178	2940	2480	2660
<i>Officers</i>	857	860	740	760
<i>Ratings</i>	2321	2080	1740	1900
Women total	874	670	450	500
<i>Officers</i>	218	230	160	150
<i>Ratings</i>	656	440	290	350
Total personnel	4052	3610	2930	3160

(Source: Defence Statistics (Navy))

Notes:

1. Includes trained and untrained Volunteer Reserves
2. Data prior to 2012 were produced using single Service legacy systems and the source data were not retained for statistical purposes. Defence Statistics considers figures reported prior to 2012 the best currently available strength estimates. From 2012 data was collected and verified through Joint Personal Administration (JPA) system and is therefore not comparable to data collected prior to this date.
3. In 2005 and 2010 only the rounded figures were published for Officers and Ratings therefore an exact total for Men and for Women cannot be calculated. Summing the Officers and Ratings will give an approximation for the total number.
4. Data for 2001 were published unrounded.

Question 2. *no of QARNNS for 1990, 1995, 2000.*

We do not hold data prior to 1999 on the number of QARNNS (Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service) personnel. Please find below a table showing the number of QARNNS personnel as at 1 April 2000 detailed by gender.

Question 2: Number of QARNNS personnel split by gender as at 1 April 2000:.

	01-Apr-00
Men	54
Women	173
Total	227

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

Question 3 . *no of women in the RN in 2010*

There were 3,623 women serving as regular personnel in the Royal Navy as at 1 April 2010.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk).

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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://.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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