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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 06 October 2016 requesting the following information:

"Would you be able to supply me with the number of military spouses on JPA please? I am working on a project looking at employment for the spouses and would much appreciate your help. An overall number, possibly broken down into Army, Navy, RAF (& Reservists?) would be extremely useful".

I am 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 complete data on the marital status of Service Personnel is not held as the Field on the Joint Personnel Administration System that records this information is not mandatory.

However, under Section 16 of the FOI Act (help and advice), in order to be as helpful as possible, an examination of the Joint Personnel Administration System has been made to identify what data is held on the system on the subject you have requested. The figures quoted below detail the number of entries recorded.

	Married or in a Registered Civil Partnership
Grand Total	83,825
Army	37,140
Navy	13,245
RAF	16,950
Reservist	16,490

*In line with Defence Statistics rounding policy, all figures have been rounded to the nearest 5

It is important to note that these numbers are not representative of the actual numbers of military spouses of all Service Personnel, nor do they include cohabitantes.

Please also note the reservist category is made up of the following:

- Called Out Reservist
- Full Time Reserve Service
- High Readiness Reserve
- None Regular Permanent Staff
- Sponsored Reserve
- Volunteer Reserve

Royal Navy and Royal Marines have been grouped together under Navy.

You might also find the 2016 tri-service Families Continuous Attitude Survey (FAMCAS) useful to inform your work. A copy can be found at the link below;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/tri-service-families-continuous-attitude-survey-2016>

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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,



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