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# Ministry of Defence

## Votes A

2008-09

*for the year ending 31st March 2009*

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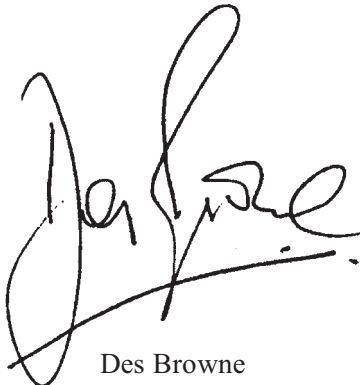
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VOTES A**

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These Votes A seek Parliamentary authority for the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces during the year ending 31st March 2009. Other Ministry of Defence Requests for Resources appear as Supply Estimates.

Ministry of Defence  
*February 2008*



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VOTE A (Navy)  
I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
MAINTAINED FOR NAVAL SERVICE

**Forty-one thousand, two hundred and seventy (41,270)**

<i>2007-08</i>				<i>2008-09</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
7,400	26,670	34,070	Royal Navy	7,230	26,050	33,280
930	7,240	8,170	Royal Marines	900	7,090	7,990
8,330	33,910	42,240	TOTAL	8,130	33,140	41,270

**NOTES**

1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, including those on terminal leave, who may be maintained for naval service at any time during the year.
2. The maximum number includes a margin of 1,987 to cover unforeseen contingencies.
3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.
4. Naval service does not have officers designate.

VOTE A (Navy)  
 II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
 MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE NAVAL AND MARINES FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996)

**Fifteen thousand, seven hundred and ninety (15,790)**

	<i>2008-09</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Royal Fleet Reserve (naval officers and ratings)	5,500	4,200	9,700
Royal Fleet Reserve (marine officers and marines)	410	1,300	1,710
Royal Naval Reserve	960	1,450	2,410
Royal Marines Reserve	110	960	1,070
Royal Naval Reserve (List 7)	900	-	900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,880</b>	<b>7,910</b>	<b>15,790</b>

**NOTES**

1. Those maintained on List 7 of the Royal Naval Reserve include Royal Naval Reserve temporary officers recruited to assist with University Royal Naval Units (URNUs), URNU undergraduates and members of the Royal Navy Engineering Sponsorship Scheme at Southampton University. List 7 personnel do not have a call out liability.

2. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 introduced three new categories of the Reservist: Full-Time Reserve Service, Additional Duties Commitment and High Readiness Reserve. The following notes detail the maxima of personnel in these categories. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above:

3. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	120	550	670
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	15	60	75
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	120	120	240
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	20	70	90
<b>Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,075</b>

4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to an additional duties commitment under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	15	15	30
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	10	10	20
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	15	40	55
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	10	20	30
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Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	50	85	135

5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	15	40	55
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	5	20	25
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	60	270	330
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	20	135	155
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Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	100	465	565

VOTE A (Navy)  
 III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
 MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE  
 RESERVE NAVAL FORCES UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

**One thousand, one hundred and thirty nine (1,139)**

	<i>2008-09</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Royal Naval Reserve	479	660	1,139
TOTAL	479	660	1,139

**NOTES**

- Members of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) have a liability to become Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces. The current RFA personnel have become Special Reservists on a voluntary basis but new entrants will be automatically enlisted as part of newly revised terms and conditions of service.

VOTE A (Army)  
I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
MAINTAINED FOR ARMY SERVICE

**One hundred and twenty two thousand, eight hundred and seventy (122,870)**

<i>2007-08</i>				<i>2008-09</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
16,380	104,900	121,280	Army (Other than Services below)	16,380	102,020	118,400
190	4,315	4,505	Commonwealth, Colonial, &c., troops abroad and Gurkhas	170	4,300	4,470
16,570	109,215	125,785	TOTAL	16,550	106,320	122,870

**NOTES**

1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women including those on terminal leave and also young and junior soldiers, who may be maintained for army service at any time during the year.
2. The maximum number includes a margin of 8,770 to cover unforeseen contingencies.
3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.
4. Officers includes up to 1,036 officers designate.
5. Numbers for the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps which previously have been recorded separately are now included within the numbers of the Regular Army.
6. Numbers for Commonwealth troops in the United Kingdom are no longer recorded.



VOTE A (Army)  
 II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
 MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE LAND FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve  
 Forces Act 1996)

**Eighty-four thousand (84,000)**

	<i>2008-2009</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Army Reserve	11,000	26,000	37,000
Territorial Army	7,500	39,500	47,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>65,500</b>	<b>84,000</b>

**NOTES**

1. The totals of the Territorial Army include officers, men and women employed full-time but not Regular Army members of permanent staff who are included in Table 1.
2. The figure for the Territorial Army does not include 4,500 officers who hold commissions in Group B of the Territorial Army for the purposes of service with the Army Cadet Force and Combined Cadet Force.
3. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 introduced three new categories of Reservist: Full-Time Reserve Service, Additional Duties Commitment and High Readiness Reserve. The following notes detail the maxima of personnel in these categories. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above.

4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Army Reserve	250	500	750
- In the Territorial Army	500	1,000	1,500
<b>Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2,250</b>

5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Army Reserve	500	2,000	2,500
- In the Territorial Army	500	2,000	2,500
<b>Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>

6. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Army Reserve	200	300	500
- In the Territorial Army	200	300	500
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Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	400	600	1,000
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VOTE A (Army)  
 III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
 MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE LAND FORCES  
 UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

**Six Thousand (6,000)**

	<i>2008-09</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Army Reserve	-	-	-
Territorial Army	1,000	5,000	6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>

VOTE A (Air Force)  
I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
MAINTAINED FOR AIR FORCE SERVICE

**Forty-six thousand, one hundred and thirty (46,130)**

<i>2007-08</i>				<i>2008-09</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
10,580	37,780	48,360	Royal Air Force	10,150	35,980	46,130
10,580	37,780	48,360	TOTAL	10,150	35,980	46,130

**NOTES**

1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women, including those on terminal leave, who may be maintained for air force service at any time during the year.
2. The maximum number includes a margin of 2,200 to cover unforeseen contingencies.
3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.
4. Numbers for the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service which previously have been recorded separately are now included within the numbers of the Regular Air Force.
5. Numbers for Commonwealth troops in the United Kingdom are no longer recorded.

VOTE A (Air Force)  
 II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
 MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE AIR FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve  
 Forces Act 1996)

**Fifteen thousand nine hundred and fifty (15,950)**

	<i>2008-09</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Royal Air Force Reserve	4,250	9,000	13,250
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	400	2,300	2,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>15,950</b>

**NOTES**

1. The maximum for the Royal Air Force Reserve includes 3,600 officers who hold commissions in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training) for the purposes of service with the Air Training Corps, Air Experience Flight, Combined Cadet Force and Volunteer Gliding Schools. The Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women category includes 1,100 officer cadets serving with the University Air Squadrons.

2. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 introduced three new categories of Reservist: Full-Time Reserve Service, Additional Duties Commitment and High Readiness Reserve. The following notes detail the maxima of personnel in these categories. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above.

3. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under Section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	250	200	450
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	50	150	200
<b>Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be in full-time service under Section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>650</b>

4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under Section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	50	50	100
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	50	50	100
<b>Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under Section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>

5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	50	50	100
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	50	50	100
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Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	100	100	200
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VOTE A (Air Force)  
 III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE  
 MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE AIR FORCES  
 UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

**Three hundred and fifty (350)**

	<i>2008-09</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Royal Air Force Reserve	100	250	350
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>350</b>



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