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Date: **22 September 2015**

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 2nd August 2015 requesting the following information:

I would like to know how many CURRENT trained regular navy personnel are born in Britain, and how many are not born in Britain.

How many of these are full-time recruits into the Royal Navy and how many are on loan from a country temporarily. A breakdown of which countries those who are not from Britain are from (the breakdown indicating whether these are on loan temporarily or not).

I would like to know how many CURRENT trained regular Army personnel are born in Britain, and how many are not born in Britain.

How many of these are full-time recruits into the Army and how many are on loan from a country temporarily. A breakdown of which countries those who are not from Britain are from (the breakdown indicating whether these are on loan temporarily or not).

I would like to know how many CURRENT trained regular RAF personnel are born in Britain, and how many are not born in Britain.

How many of these are full-time recruits into the RAF and how many are on loan from a country temporarily. A breakdown of which countries those who are not from Britain are from (the breakdown indicating whether these are on loan temporarily or not).

Following further communications on 26th August 2015 the request was clarified to be:

As at 1 April 2010 and 1 April 2015,

- 1) How many current trained Regular Navy/Army/RAF personnel are:
 - a) British Nationals**
 - b) Non-British Nationals****
- 2) Of these trained Regular personnel in the Navy/Army/RAF what is the nationality of those who are not British.**

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 all the information in scope of your clarified request is held.

Section 44(1)(a) has been applied as the disclosure of some of the information is prohibited by the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007. Defence Statistics release Diversity Statistics as an Official Statistics publication. In accordance with the Code of Practice for the release of National and Official Statistics, as set out in the 2007 Act, we are unable to provide the data for a Nationality breakdown at 1 April 2014 prior to the next statistical release scheduled for 09:30 on 26th November 2015. Section 44 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Under **Section 16 (duty to provide advice and assistance)**, we have provided the data you requested for the nearest available time point, 1 October 2014. Additionally there is some nationality information available as at 1 April 2015 in the Diversity Dashboard (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/mod-diversity-dashboard-2015>), however this is for both trained and untrained personnel.

Please find the available information on your request in the attached Excel Workbook (FOI 2015 07313.xlsx).

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/>.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel** and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.uk

Yours sincerely,

Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Trained UK Regular Forces¹ by Nationality as at 1 April 2010 and 1 October 2014

	1 April 2010				1 October 2014			
	All Services	RNRM ³	Army	RAF	All Services	RNRM ³	Army	RAF
All Personnel	173 300	35 180	98 040	40 090	144 050	29 990	81 550	32 510
British²	164 230	34 280	90 040	39 900	136 570	29 310	74 890	32 360
Non British	8 620	760	7 740	110	7 440	680	6 650	110
<i>of which</i>								
Albanian	~	-	~	-	-	-	-	-
Antiguan	~	-	~	-	~	-	~	-
Australian	90	10	70	~	70	10	50	10
Bahamian	~	-	~	-	~	~	~	-
Bangladeshi	10	-	10	-	20	-	20	-
Barbadian	10	~	10	-	10	~	10	-
Belizean	30	-	30	-	50	-	50	-
Botswanan	30	~	30	-	20	~	20	~
Cameroonian	60	~	60	-	120	~	120	~
Canadian	70	20	40	~	60	20	30	~
Citizen of Fiji	2 280	120	2 150	10	1 690	120	1 570	10
Citizen of Seychelles	10	-	10	-	20	-	20	-
Citizen of Sri Lanka	20	~	10	~	10	-	10	~
Citizen of St Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis	-	-	-	-	~	-	~	-
Dominican	30	10	20	-	30	~	30	-
Dutch	~	~	-	-	-	-	-	-
French	~	-	~	-	-	-	-	-
Gambian	250	20	230	-	230	10	220	-
German	~	-	~	-	-	-	-	-
Ghanaian	840	10	830	~	760	~	750	~
Grenadian	130	10	120	~	130	10	130	~
Guyanese	30	~	30	-	20	~	20	-
Indian	100	10	80	~	170	~	170	~
Irish	330	60	250	30	460	60	380	20
Italian	-	-	-	-	~	-	~	-
Jamaican	570	30	530	10	340	20	310	10
Kenyan	190	20	160	~	210	10	200	~
Lesotho	~	-	~	-	~	-	~	-
Malawian	220	10	220	~	180	10	180	-
Malaysian	10	~	~	-	10	~	~	-
Maltese	10	~	~	~	10	~	10	-
Mauritanian	~	-	~	~	~	-	-	~
Mauritian	50	~	50	~	60	~	50	~
Namibian	~	-	~	~	~	-	-	~
Nepalese	440	-	440	~	620	~	610	-
New Zealander	80	10	70	~	60	10	50	10
Nigerian	170	10	160	-	220	10	210	~
Norwegian	~	~	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistani	10	~	10	-	10	-	10	-
Papua New Guinean	~	-	~	-	~	-	~	-
Polish	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	~
Rwandan	-	-	-	-	~	-	~	-
Sierra Leonean	40	~	40	-	30	~	30	-
Singaporean	~	-	~	-	~	-	~	-
South African	920	80	840	10	660	90	560	10
St Lucian	270	10	260	~	220	10	210	~
Swazi	20	-	20	-	10	-	10	-
Tanzanian	10	-	10	-	10	-	10	-
Thai	~	-	~	-	-	-	-	-
Tongan	10	-	10	-	10	-	10	-
Trinidad and Tobago citizen	110	30	70	10	70	30	30	10
Ugandan	80	~	70	~	50	~	50	~
Ukrainian	~	~	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States citizen	~	~	~	~	~	-	-	~
Vincentian	570	230	340	~	480	200	270	~
Yugoslavian	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	~
Zambian	40	10	30	-	40	10	30	-
Zimbabwean	440	20	410	10	220	20	200	10
Not Recorded	460	140	250	80	40	-	10	40

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Notes

1. Trained UK Regular Forces comprises trained Full-time personnel but does not include Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service personnel and reservists.
2. British Nationality includes any individuals from Anguila, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pictairn Islands, Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands. More details can be found on the gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality/british-overseas-territories-citizen>
3. RNRM comprises all Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel
4. Nationality is shown as recorded on Joint Personnel Administration (JPA).

Rounding

All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 denoted by ~, zero denoted by -.

Additionally, totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.