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# Ministry of Defence

## Votes A

2009-10

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## Excess Votes

*for the years ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012*

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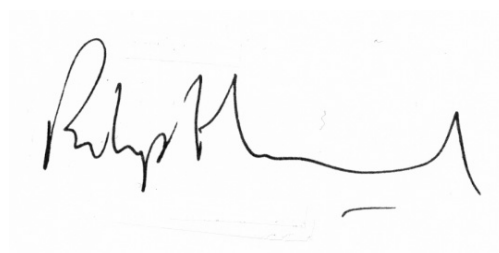
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VOTES A**

2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12

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These Votes A Excess Votes seek Parliamentary authority for the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service in the Reserve Air Forces during the years ending 31st March 2010, 31st March 2011 and 31st March 2012. These numbers do not constitute the Trained Requirement of the Armed Forces, which are published separately in the UK Armed Forces Quarterly Personnel Report. Other Ministry of Defence Requests for Resources appear as Supply Estimates.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Hammond', is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

## **Part I: Explanation**

Owing to an error in the processing of Royal Air Force personnel data linked to the introduction of a new personnel administrative system in 2006, some personnel when leaving Regular Service with a Reserve Liability were not transferred to the Royal Air Force Reserve strength. The effect of this error since the introduction of the new system meant that at April 2009, the Air Force Reserve strength was underestimated by approximately 2,280 personnel, at April 2010 it was underestimated by 2,080, and at April 2011 by 1,980. Therefore the Votes A maxima for each of these years were previously calculated at levels which were, in reality, too low by approximately these same amounts.

The error was identified in July 2012 and Royal Air Force Reserve strengths were recalculated. The majority of the increase fell in the Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women category, resulting in a breach of the maximum level set by Parliament for this category in the financial years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. Royal Air Force Reserve Officer strength also increased, but not enough to cause a breach in this category. Similarly the overall Reserve Air Forces maximum has not been breached at any time.

Votes A seek Parliamentary authority for the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service or potential service in the Armed Forces. The Excess in the category of RAF Reserve personnel is for personnel that have a call-out liability under the Reserve Forces Act 1996 and does not have any cost implications for the Department. However, to obtain the required Parliamentary authority for an increase in the maximum numbers of RAF Reserve personnel, it is necessary to seek a token increase in resources of £1,000 for the Ministry of Defence Supply Estimates for each of the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. The request for the token increase in resources for each year will be set out in the Central Government Supply Estimates 2011-12 Statement of Excesses (HC 896) dated February 2013 and given legislative authority in the upcoming Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Act.

**2009-10:** The recalculated strength figure for Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women at 1 April 2009 is 7,710. This is 2,200 above the originally determined strength figure of 5,510. As the table in Part II shows, the Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women category breached its Votes A maximum by 710 personnel in April 2009. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women for 2009-10 is therefore 8,000. This represents an increase of 1,000 personnel and thus increases the Royal Air Force Reserve Total maximum, the Reserve Air Forces Men and Women Total maximum and the Reserve Air Forces maximum by this same amount.

**2010-11:** The recalculated strength figure for Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women at 1 April 2010 is 7,190. This is 2,020 above the originally determined strength figure of 5,170. As the table in Part II shows, the Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women category breached its Votes A maximum by 690 personnel in April 2010. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women for 2010-11 is therefore 7,500. This represents an increase of 1,000 personnel and thus increases the Royal Air Force Reserve Total maximum, the Reserve Air Forces Men and Women Total maximum and the Reserve Air Forces maximum by this same amount.

**2011-12:** The recalculated strength figure for Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women at 1 April 2011 is 6,780. This is 1,940 above the originally determined strength figure of 4,840. As the table in Part II shows, the Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women category breached its Votes A maximum by 780 personnel in April 2011. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women for 2011-12 is therefore 7,000. This represents an increase of 1,000 personnel and thus increases the Royal Air Force Reserve Total maximum, the Reserve Air Forces Men and Women Total maximum and the Reserve Air Forces maximum by this same amount.

### **Notes:**

1. Figures have been rounded in accordance with DASA rounding policy and National Statistics best practice.

## **Part II: Excesses of Defence Votes A**

Excess Personnel represents the maximum amount by which the approved Votes A maximum was exceeded during each financial year. The maximum excess occurred at 1 April for each year.

<b>2009-10</b>	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women	7,000	710	8,000
Royal Air Force Reserve Total	11,000	500	12,000
Reserve Air Forces Men and Women Total	9,300	0	10,300
<b>RESERVE AIR FORCES Total</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,700</b>

Notes:

1. Although there has been no breach in the RESERVE AIR FORCES Total and the Reserve Air Forces Men and Women Total this year the maxima will increase as a result of the increase in maxima in Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women.
2. Figures have been rounded in accordance with DASA rounding policy.
3. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.

<b>2010-11</b>	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women	6,500	690	7,500
Royal Air Force Reserve Total	10,600	420	11,600
Reserve Air Forces Men and Women Total	8,800	0	9,800
<b>RESERVE AIR FORCES Total</b>	<b>13,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,300</b>

Notes:

1. Although there has been no breach in the RESERVE AIR FORCES Total and the Reserve Air Forces Men and Women Total this year the maxima will increase as a result of the increase in maxima in Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women.
2. Figures have been rounded in accordance with DASA rounding policy.
3. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.

<b>2011-12</b>	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women	6,000	780	7,000
Royal Air Force Reserve Total	10,100	370	11,100
Reserve Air Forces Men and Women Total	7,900	200	8,900
<b>RESERVE AIR FORCES Total</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,300</b>

Notes:

1. Although there has been no breach in the RESERVE AIR FORCES Total this year the maxima will increase as a result of the increase in maxima in Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women.
2. Figures have been rounded in accordance with DASA rounding policy.
3. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.

### **Part III: Revised Votes A Provision 2009-10**

<p style="text-align: center;">VOTE A (Air Force)            MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE            MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE AIR FORCES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve            Forces Act 1996)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourteen thousand, seven hundred (14,700)</b></p>						
<i>2009-10 Provision</i>				<i>Revised Provision</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
4,000	7,000	11,000	Royal Air Force Reserve	4,000	8,000	12,000
400	2,300	2,700	Royal Auxiliary Air Force	400	2,300	2,700
4,400	9,300	13,700	TOTAL	4,400	10,300	14,700

#### **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. Reference 2009-10 Main Estimates – 12 Feb 2009, HC 117.

### **Revised Votes A Provision 2010-11**

<p style="text-align: center;">VOTE A (Air Force)            MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE            MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE AIR FORCES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve            Forces Act 1996)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourteen thousand, three hundred (14,300)</b></p>						
<i>2010-11 Provision</i>				<i>Revised Provision</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
4,100	6,500	10,600	Royal Air Force Reserve	4,100	7,500	11,600
400	2,300	2,700	Royal Auxiliary Air Force	400	2,300	2,700
4,500	8,800	13,300	TOTAL	4,500	9,800	14,300

#### **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. Reference 2010-11 Main Estimates – 23 Feb 2010, HC 304.

## **Revised Votes A Provision 2011-12**

VOTE A (Air Force)  
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)

**Thirteen thousand, three hundred (13,300)**

<i>2011-12 Provision</i>				<i>Revised Provision</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
4,100	6,000	10,100	Royal Air Force Reserve	4,100	7,000	11,100
300	1,900	2,200	Royal Auxiliary Air Force	300	1,900	2,200
4,400	7,900	12,300	TOTAL	4,400	8,900	13,300

### 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. Reference 2011-12 Main Estimates– 17 Feb 2011, HC 769.





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