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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 2019. These numbers do not constitute the Liability of the Armed Forces, which is published separately in the UK Armed Forces Quarterly Service Personnel Statistics. Other Ministry of Defence Requests for Resources appear as Supply Estimates.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Williamson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ministry of Defence  
*7<sup>th</sup> February 2018*

The Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP

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

**Thirty five thousand, four hundred and seventy (35,470)**

<i>2017-18</i>				<i>2018-2019</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
6,380	21,000	27,380	Royal Navy	6,380	21,000	27,380
890	7,200	8,090	Royal Marines	890	7,200	8,090
7,270	28,200	35,470	TOTAL	7,270	28,200	35,470

**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 1,770 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. 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)

**Twenty three thousand and one hundred (23,100)**

	<i>2018-2019</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Royal Fleet Reserve (naval officers and ratings)	4,960	9,000	13,960
Royal Fleet Reserve (marine officers and marines)	470	2,610	3,080
Royal Naval Reserve	1,350	2,300	3,650
Royal Marines Reserve	110	1,200	1,310
Royal Naval Reserve (List 7)	1,100	-	1,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,990</b>	<b>15,110</b>	<b>23,100</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 Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme (DTUS). 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	170	600	770
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	40	100	140
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	160	135	295
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	35	100	135
<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>405</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1,340</b>

4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to 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	20	15	35
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	15	10	25
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	40	40	80
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	30	40	70
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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	105	105	210

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	20	30	50
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	10	30	40
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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	50	120	170

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

**Two thousand, four hundred and seventy (2,470)**

	<i>2018-2019</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Royal Naval Reserve	850	1,620	2,470
<b>TOTAL</b>	850	1,620	2,470

**NOTES**

1. Members of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) have a liability to become Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces. Existing RFA personnel may become Special Reservists on a voluntary basis whereas new entrants are automatically enlisted as part of their terms and conditions of service.

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

**One hundred and seven thousand, six hundred and thirty (107,630)**

<i>2017-2018</i>				<i>2018-2019</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
14,180	89,150	103,330	Army (Other than Services below)	14,370	88,640	103,010
200	4,400	4,600	Commonwealth, Colonial, &c., troops abroad and Gurkhas	210	4,410	4,620
14,380	93,550	107,930	TOTAL	14,580	93,050	107,630

**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 10% 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 860 officers designate.



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 thousand, two hundred and ninety (80,290)**

	<i>2018-2019</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Army Regular Reserve	10,060	24,560	34,620
Army Reserve	10,710	34,960	45,670
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,770</b>	<b>59,520</b>	<b>80,290</b>

**NOTES**

1. The totals of the Army Reserve include officers, men and women employed full-time but not Regular Army members of permanent staff who are included in Table 1.

2. The Defence Reform Act 2014 renamed the Army Reserve as the Regular Reserve and renamed the Territorial Army as the Army Reserve.

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 Regular Reserve	1,460	2,320	3,780
- In the Army Reserve	870	1,010	1,880
<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>2,330</b>	<b>3,330</b>	<b>5,660</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 Regular Reserve	30	50	80
- In the Army Reserve	270	1,680	1,950
<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>300</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>2,030</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 Regular Reserve	40	150	190
- In the Army Reserve	60	440	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	100	590	690
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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

**Five hundred (500)**

	<i>2018-2019</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Army Regular Reserve	20	30	50
Army Reserve	20	430	450
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>500</b>

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

**Thirty five thousand, two hundred and ninety (35,290)**

<i>2017-2018</i>				<i>2018-2019</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
7,850	27,280	35,130	Royal Air Force	8,090	27,200	35,290
7,850	27,280	35,130	TOTAL	8,090	27,200	35,290

**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 1,680 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.

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)			
<b>Seventeen thousand, one hundred and eighty (17,180)</b>			
	<i>2018-2019</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Royal Air Force Reserve	4,500	9,000	13,500
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	700	2,980	3,680
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>11,980</b>	<b>17,180</b>

#### NOTES

1. The maximum for the Royal Air Force Reserve includes 3,200 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 1,050 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	580	710	1,290
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	100	250	350
<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>680</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1,640</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	110	50	160
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	30	30	60
<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>140</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>220</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	-	-	-
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	40	60	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:	40	60	100
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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

**Two hundred and seventy five (275)**

	<i>2018-2019</i>		
	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Men and Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Royal Air Force Reserve	100	175	275
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>275</b>

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