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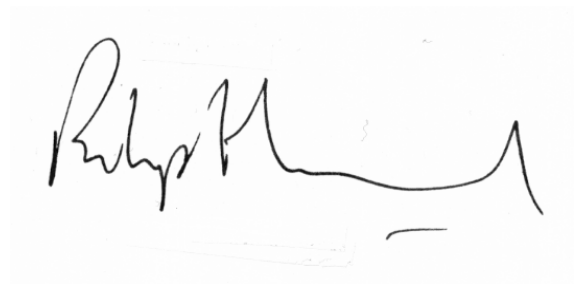
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VOTES A**

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These Votes A Excess Votes seek Parliamentary authority for the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service as Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces during the years ending 31st March 2008, 31st March 2009, 31st March 2010, 31st March 2011, 31st March 2012 and 31st March 2013. 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 a light-colored rectangular background.

Part I: Explanation

Since April 2007, in addition to their civilian status, Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel have been offered sponsored reserve contracts to ensure they are protected by International Law when carrying out duties in combat situations. Owing to an error in the monitoring and reporting of Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces, this significant proportion of Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel should have been counted as Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces, but were not.

The effect of this error since the change of contracts in April 2007 has meant that Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces total strength was underestimated by approximately 1,600 personnel at April 2007, increasing steadily upwards reaching a peak of approximately 1,950 personnel at February 2011, and then decreasing to approximately 1,600 personnel by March 2013. Therefore the Votes A maxima for 2007-08 to 2012-13 were previously calculated at levels which were, in reality, too low by varying amounts. The error was identified in May 2013 and Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces strengths were recalculated.

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 Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces is for civilian personnel from the Royal Fleet Auxiliary who also hold Sponsored Reserve contracts that were not being reported and monitored within the Votes A process. These excess personnel do not have any cost implications for the Department, as they were being counted and reported elsewhere as civilian personnel. However, to obtain the required Parliamentary authority for an increase in the maximum numbers of Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces, 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 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. The request for the token increase in resources for each year will be set out in the Central Government Supply Estimates 2012-13 Statement of Excesses (HC 1008) dated 12 February 2014 and given legislative authority in the upcoming Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Act.

2007-08: Officers. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Officers occurred at 1 September 2007 and was 790. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 100 plus 690 Royal Fleet Auxiliary Officers. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Officers category breached its Votes A maximum by 80 personnel in 2007-08. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Officers for 2007-08 is therefore 840. This represents an increase of 120 personnel and thus increases the Total maximum by this same amount.

Men and Women. There was no breach in the Men and Women category this year.

Total. There was no breach in the Total Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces this year. The maximum however increases by 120 personnel due to the increase in the Officers maximum.

2008-09: Officers. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Officers occurred at 1 July 2008 and was 810. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 140 plus 670 Royal Fleet Auxiliary Officers. As the table in Part II shows, the Officers category breached its Votes A maximum by 340 personnel in 2008-09. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for Officers for 2008-09 is 860; this represents an increase of 381 personnel.

Men and Women. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Men and Women occurred at 1 March 2009 and was 1,240. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 100 plus 1,130 Royal Fleet Auxiliary Men and Women. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Men and Women category breached its Votes A maximum by 580 personnel in 2008-09. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Men and Women for 2008-09 is 1,300; this represents an increase of 640 personnel.

Total. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total occurred at 1 March 2009 and was 2,030 in Total. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 240 plus 1,790 Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total category breached its Votes A maximum by 900 personnel in 2008-09. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Total for 2008-09 is 2,160; this represents an increase of 1,021 personnel and is the sum of the increase for the Officers (381) plus the increase for the Men and Women (640).

2009-10: Officers. There was no breach in the Officers category this year. The maximum however increases by 7 personnel as a result of rounding policy.

Men and Women. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Men and Women occurred at both 1 October 2009 and 1 November 2009 and was 1,320. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 110 plus 1,210 Royal Fleet Auxiliary Men and Women. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Men and Women category breached its Votes A maximum by 690 personnel in 2009-10. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Men and Women for 2009-10 is 1,390; this represents an increase of 760 personnel.

Total. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total occurred at 1 November 2009 and was 2,130 in Total. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 260 plus 1,870 Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total category breached its Votes A maximum by 580 personnel in 2009-10. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Total for 2009-10 is 2,320; this represents an increase of 767 personnel.

2010-11: Officers. There was no breach in the Officers category this year. The maximum however increases by 7 personnel as a result of rounding policy.

Men and Women. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Men and Women occurred at 1 February 2011 and was 1,420. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 110 plus 1,310 Royal Fleet Auxiliary Men and Women. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Men and Women category breached its Votes A maximum by 800 personnel in 2010-11. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Men and Women for 2010-11 is 1,500; this represents an increase of 870 personnel.

Total. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total occurred at 1 February 2011 and was 2,200 in Total. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 260 plus 1,940 Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total category breached its Votes A maximum by 650 personnel in 2010-11. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Total for 2010-11 is 2,430; this represents an increase of 877 personnel.

2011-12: Officers. There was no breach in the Officers category this year. The maximum however increases by 1 as a result of rounding policy.

Men and Women. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Men and Women occurred at 1 June 2011 and was 1,420. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 120 plus 1,300 Royal Fleet Auxiliary Men and Women. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Men and Women category breached its Votes A maximum by 760 personnel in 2011-12. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Men and Women for 2011-12 is 1,500; this represents an increase of 838 personnel.

Total. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total occurred at 1 June 2011 and was 2,200 in Total. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 270 plus 1,920 Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total category breached its Votes A maximum by 570 personnel in 2011-12. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Total for 2011-12 is 2,470; this represents an increase of 839 personnel.

2012-13: Officers. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Officers occurred at 1 April 2012 and was 700. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 150 plus 550 Royal Fleet Auxiliary Officers. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Officers category breached its Votes A maximum by 50 personnel in 2012-13. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for Officers for 2012-13 is 740; this represents an increase of 90 personnel.

Men and Women. There was no breach in the Men and Women category this year. The maximum however increases by 30 personnel to allow for a 5 per cent contingency.

Total. The highest recalculated strength figure for Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total occurred at 1 April 2012 and was 1,950 in Total. This comprises the originally determined strength figure of 260 plus 1,690 Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel. As the table in Part II shows, the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total category breached its Votes A maximum by 10 personnel in 2012-13. The proposed adjusted Votes A maximum for the Total for 2012-13 is 2,060; this represents an increase of 120 personnel.

Part II: Excesses of Defence Votes A

Notes:

1. *Excess Personnel* represents the maximum amount by which the approved Votes A maximum was exceeded during each financial year.

2. Figures have been rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy and National Statistics best practice. As a result of this rounding policy, total strength figures may not always equal the sum of their parts.

2007-08	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces – Officers	720	80	840
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - Men & Women	1,300	0	1,300
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - TOTAL	2,020	0	2,140

Notes:

1. Figures have been rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy.
2. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.
3. Although there has been no breach in the Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces Total this year, the maxima will increase as a result of the increase in maxima for Officers.

2008-09	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - Officers	479	340	860
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces – Men & Women	660	580	1,300
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - TOTAL	1,139	900	2,160

Notes:

1. Figures have been rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy.
2. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.

2009-10	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - Officers	923	0	930
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces – Men & Women	630	690	1,390
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - TOTAL	1,553	580	2,320

Notes:

1. Figures have been rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy.
2. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.

2010-11	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces – Officers	923	0	930
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - Men & Women	630	800	1,500
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - TOTAL	1553	650	2,430

Notes:

1. Figures have been rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy.
2. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.

2011-12	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces – Officers	969	0	970
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - Men & Women	662	760	1,500
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - TOTAL	1,631	570	2,470

Notes:

1. Figures have been rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy.
2. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.

2012-13	<i>Current Provision</i>	<i>Excess Personnel</i>	<i>Revised Votes A Maximum</i>
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces – Officers	650	50	740
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - Men & Women	1,290	0	1,320
Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces - TOTAL	1,940	10	2,060

Notes:

1. Figures have been rounded in accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy.
2. Maxima are approximately 5 per cent higher than the actual breach numbers to allow for any contingencies.
3. Although the Men and Women category has not breached this year, the revised strength figures are close to the limit, therefore the maximum has been revised to allow for a 5 per cent contingency.

Part III: Revised Votes A Provision 2007-08

VOTE A (Navy) 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, one hundred and forty (2,140)						
<i>2007-08 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>
720	1,300	2,020	Royal Naval Reserve	840	1,300	2,140

Notes:

1. Reference 2007-08 Main Estimates – 20 Feb 2007, HC 280.

Revised Votes A Provision 2008-09

VOTE A (Navy) 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, one hundred and sixty (2,160)						
<i>2008-09 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>
479	660	1,139	Royal Naval Reserve	860	1,300	2,160

Notes:

1. Reference 2008-09 Main Estimates – 19 Feb 2008, HC 264.

Revised Votes A Provision 2009-10

VOTE A (Navy) 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, three hundred and twenty (2,320)						
<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>
923	630	1,553	Royal Naval Reserve	930	1,390	2,320

Notes:

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

Revised Votes A Provision 2010-11

VOTE A (Navy) 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 thirty (2,430)						
<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>
923	630	1,553	Royal Naval Reserve	930	1,500	2,430

Notes:

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

Revised Votes A Provision 2011-12

VOTE A (Navy) 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>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>
969	662	1,631	Royal Naval Reserve	970	1,500	2,470

Notes:

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

Revised Votes A Provision 2012-13

VOTE A (Navy) 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, and sixty (2,060)						
<i>2012-13 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>
650	1,290	1,940	Royal Naval Reserve	740	1,320	2,060

Notes:

1. Reference 2012-13 Main Estimates – 8 Feb 2012, HC 1735.



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