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Dear ,

Thank you for your email of 07/07/2014 where you requested information about

'Please could you tell me where I could obtain figures on how many Army personnel are married and how many Army personnel are in civil partnerships?'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is enclosed/attached.

Defence Statistics do not hold exact information on how many Army Personnel are married and how many are in civil partnerships. What we do hold are the numbers of those who for the purposes of entitlement to allowances (such as Subsistence, Home, Disturbance, Relocation and Education allowances) declare themselves as being either married or in a civil partnership, as recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration System (JPA). Whilst it is not the same as an individual's legal marital status, and we are unable to distinguish between married and in a civil partnership, it is considered a reasonable proxy for the numbers of Army Personnel who are married or in a civil partnership.

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Yours sincerely,

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Trained Regular Strength by Marital Status as at 1st May 2014

Question: '.....figures on how many Army personnel are married and how many Army personnel are in civil partnerships?'

NB:

Numbers have been provided as an estimate, based on Marital Category as recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration System (JPA), which relates to entitlement for various allowances, such as Subsistence, Home, Disturbance, Relocation and Education allowances. Those entitled to "married" allowances are categorised as 1, 1C, 1S, 5C, 5S or CP. Those entitled to other allowances are categorised as 2 (Prime carer and provider for child), 3 (Separated providing voluntary support), 4 (Separated providing support as result of court order) or 5 (All other members of Armed Forces).

Whilst it is not the same as an individual's legal marital status, and we are unable to distinguish between married and in a civil partnership, it is considered a reasonable proxy for the numbers of Army Personnel who are married or in a civil partnership.

Trained Regular Army Strength by Marital Status as at 1st May 2014

Marital Category	Total
Married / Civil Partnership (1, 1C, 1S, 5C, 5S & CP)	37,540
Not Married (2, 3, 4 & 5)	46,210

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

The figures are for Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, TA and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.

Figures include Officers and Soldiers

Marital Category is as recorded on JPA under JPA field name 'Marital Status', and relates to entitlement for various allowances, such as Subsistence, Home, Disturbance, Relocation and Education allowances. It is not necessarily the same as a person's legal marital status. Those entitled to "married" allowances are categorised as 1, 1C, 1S, 5C, 5S or CP. Those entitled to other allowances are categorised as 2 (Prime carer and provider for child), 3 (Separated providing voluntary support), 4 (Separated providing support as result of court order) or 5 (All other members of Armed Forces).

'Married' subset inclusive of marital status categories 1, 1C, 1S, 5C, 5S and CP.

'Not Married' subset inclusive of marital status categories 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Figures have been rounded to nearest 10 to limit disclosure and safeguard confidentiality.