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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 October requesting the following information:

- 1) The number of reservists in Wales before recruitment began for Future Reserves 2020 (ie. how many of the 19,000?)*
- 2) The target for reservist recruitment in Wales as part of FR 2020 ie. what will be the increase in Wales?*
- 3) The numbers recruited in Wales in 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014.*
- 4) The retention of reservists in Wales during this time ie. how many have left during those years - 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.*
- 5) The UK target is approx 30,000 for FR 2020. What are the UK targets per year for recruitment of these reservists by 2020?*
- 6) What are the targets for Wales per year of reservists for FR2020?*

I am treating your email as a request for information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000. I will answer your questions in turn:

1. It may take up to two years of training before a new Reserve recruit enters the trained strength. The estimated number of Army Reservists stationed in Wales since 1 April 2012, including both trained and untrained strength, is shown at Table 1 of Annex A.

2 and 6. The targets for Reserve trained strength defined under Future Reserves 2020 apply to the whole of the UK and as such there is no specific target for Wales. See 5, below.

3 and 4. The total inflow and outflow of the Army Reserve 'Group A' recruited since 1 April 2012 is shown at Table 4 of Annex A. Inflow and outflow figures for other Reserve groupings are not held.

5. This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. On 3 December 2014 the Secretary of State for Defence placed in the Library of the House of Commons a paper setting out the planned growth of the trained strength of the reserve forces, together with the enlistment targets for the next five years that will support that growth. The paper 'Future Reserves 2020' may be found under the reference DEP2013-2063, at the following link:

http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/business-papers/commons/deposited-papers/?y=2013&search_term=Ministry+of+Defence&itemId=120095#toggle-2063

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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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

Annexes:

A. Estimated Army Reserve Statistics for Wales.