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Your Reference: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

Your correspondence [REDACTED] has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

“I wondered if we had the stats for how many ex-regulars are part of the FR20 population? Further to that, if we know how many of that number are those that have been made redundant..”

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds information relating to your request.

Of the total FR20 population at 1 April 2013, **2,360** personnel were identified as having been a regular prior to their reserve service. Please note that we are only able to check for previous regular service back to 1 April 2007*. Of the 2,360 personnel, a total of **130** had left the regular Armed Forces due to redundancy.

* Data from April 2007 onwards are sourced from the Joint Personnel Administration system. Personnel data prior to April 2007 ('legacy data') are currently held in a format which is not readily accessible, in hundreds of separate files. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. It is estimated that the time needed to locate, retrieve and extract the information from the files would be far in excess of the appropriate limit.

I hope you find this helpful.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review



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must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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>

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering Military Personnel and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.uk

Yours sincerely,

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