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Date: 30th January 2014

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:

"Please could you also disclose, if possible, a breakdown of the religions that are declared under the category titled 'All Other Religions': Baha'i, Druid, Kirati, Pagan, Rastafarian, Spiritualist, Zoroastrian (Parsee) and Wicca"

Please find enclosed the information you requested overleaf; numbers of UK Regular personnel, trained and untrained, with detail on personnel with a **declared** religion of 'Other Religion' for each Service as at the 1 April points for 2012 and 2013 and 1 October 2013 for reference.

The total numbers of UK Regular personnel, trained and untrained, is provided for each Service and each date point for comparison with the stated religions below.

Please note: The following numbers are self reported and individual personnel are responsible for updating this field.

As the statistics regard declared religion; people that have an **undeclared** religion or prefer not to state their religion could follow any of these religions but would not be represented by these statistics.

For each situation date below, the number of people that have an **undeclared** religion is approximately 1,800 for April 2012, 1,540 for April 2013 and 1,590 for October 2013.

The sub-category Other Religion in the table below represents personnel with 'Other Religion' selected as their religion, so we cannot identify the individual religions within this category any further than this.



UK Regular¹ Personnel, by declared Religion² for Other Religions

	01 Apr 12	01 Apr 13	01 Oct 13
Grand Total	179 800	170 710	166 460
Naval Service³	35 540	33 960	33 520
<i>Of which:</i>			
Other Religions	180	170	160
Baha'i	-	-	-
Druid	~	~	~
Kirati	~	~	~
Other Religions	120	120	120
Pagan	20	20	20
Rastafarian	10	10	10
Spiritualist	10	10	10
Wicca	10	10	10
Zoroastrian (Parsee)	-	-	-
Army	104 250	99 730	97 030
<i>Of which:</i>			
Other Religions	480	470	460
Baha'i	10	10	10
Druid	10	~	~
Kirati	20	30	30
Other Religions	260	230	210
Pagan	60	60	60
Rastafarian	90	100	110
Spiritualist	30	30	30
Wicca	10	10	10
Zoroastrian (Parsee)	~	~	~
RAF	40 000	37 030	35 920
<i>Of which:</i>			
Other Religions	160	150	150
Baha'i	-	-	-
Druid	~	~	~
Kirati	~	-	-
Other Religions	110	100	100
Pagan	40	40	40
Rastafarian	~	~	~
Spiritualist	10	10	~
Wicca	~	~	~
Zoroastrian (Parsee)	~	~	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri Service)

1. UK Regular Forces comprises trained and untrained personnel and excludes Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service personnel and mobilised reservists.
2. Religion figures are based on the religion which has been declared by the individual on the Joint Personnel Administration system.
3. Naval Service includes both Royal Navy and Royal Marine personnel.



Rounding:

The totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sums of their rounded parts. When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

- denotes zero or rounded to zero
- ~ denotes fewer than 5

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 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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