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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence [REDACTED] requesting the following information:

“I was wondering whether you can tell me what the current make up is of our Armed Forces by country of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales etc), ideally could you please provide this data by service (RAF, Army, Navy etc). Would it be too complicated to have this data (actual number of full time British Forces employees) in a matrix form with Countries in the rows and Services in the columns?”

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am writing to confirm that a search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Section 21 has been applied to the request because this information is already in the public domain through gov.uk and is therefore reasonable accessible to you by other means. Please see the link below to our Quarterly Location Statistics report. The information you have requested can be found in Table 1.1b on Page 5 of this report.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-uk-regular-service-and-civilian-personnel-quarterly-statistics-2014>

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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