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Dear

Thank you for your email of 23 June 2014 requesting the following information:

"How many members of the Territorial army have failed fitness tests since may 2010"

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

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.

Defence Statistics have confirmed that, of the 27,760 trained and untrained personnel serving in the Army Reserve as at 1 June 2014, a total of 1,730 failed an Annual Fitness Test at least once between 1 May 2010 and 1 June 2014. Please note untrained personnel are not mandated to take an Annual Fitness Test although some will have done so. Some of those personnel who failed the test may have subsequently passed.

All personnel are provided with the support and training necessary in order to meet the Army's physical standards, with additional help for those personnel who fail to meet this criteria. Personnel who remain unable to meet the standard having received all available support are managed in accordance with current Army policy.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Army Reserve fitness policy directs that trained personnel, who are not in training for deployment, must complete an Annual Fitness Test consisting of one loaded march completed at a pace of 15 minutes per mile. Infantry personnel must complete a loaded march of 8 miles and all other Arms and Services must complete 6 miles.

Trained personnel are those individuals who have completed their initial training on joining the Army Reserve.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st 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>.

Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat