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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your emails of 9 September in which you asked for the following information:

"Could you please provide me with details of the latest available operational pinch point liability and shortfall figures for the following positions within the British Army?:

- 1) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence – Rank: Corporal
- 2) Interrogators
- 3) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence – Rank: Sergeant
- 4) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence – Rank: Staff Sergeant
- 5) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence – Rank: Warrant Officer Class 2
- 6) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence (Linguists) – Rank: Private to Warrant Officer Class 2
- 7) Human Intelligence Operator
- 8) Int. Corps – Rank: Captain
- 9) Int. Corps – Rank: Major"

"Could you please provide me a the breakdown of the ethnicity of the personnel currently serving in the following posts within the British Army?:

- 1) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence – Rank: Corporal
- 2) Interrogators
- 3) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence – Rank: Sergeant
- 4) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence – Rank: Staff Sergeant
- 5) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence – Rank: Warrant Officer Class 2
- 6) Int. Corps Operator Military Intelligence (Linguists) – Rank: Private to Warrant Officer Class 2
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I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Overall the Intelligence Corps is currently manned at 97%. The liability for each Intelligence Corps rank as at 5 September 2014 is set out below. Measures are being taken to off-set some of the shortfalls; for example, surplus Corporals within the Intelligence Corps Operator Military Intelligence are being used to help off-set the shortfall of linguists at that rank. In addition to the

Intelligence Corps the Ministry of Defence also has a Defence Cultural Specialist Unit, which is part of the Army. This unit provides broader cultural awareness advice and training to Armed Forces personnel and on operations in order to help commanders understand the environments in which they are deployed.

Rank	Intelligence Corps Operator military Intelligence	Intelligence Corps Operator military Intelligence (Linguists)
Lance Corporal	Not in Scope	0
Corporal	334	138
Sergeant	277	52
Staff Sergeant	178	20
Warrant Officer Class 2	131	18
Captain	144	Not in scope
Major	122	Not in scope

I have attached separately details of the number of personnel in post for each of the above ranks and their ethnicity as at 1 August 2014 (the latest figures for which information is available). All Captains and Majors within the Intelligence Corps Operator Military Intelligence are recorded as being white.

Interrogators and Human Intelligence Operators are a tri-Service resource and may be members of the Royal Navy, the Army or the Royal Air Force. The information provided in the table above and the attachment includes Army personnel only. Interrogators and Human Intelligence Operators may come from any Army unit or cap-badge as their employment in these roles is based on individual qualifications. The liability across Defence for Human Intelligence Operators is 234 and the strength is 170. The liability for Interrogators is 67 across Defence against an actual strength of 43. I can advise that less than 2% of interrogators come from non-white ethnic groups and less than 1% of HUMINT Intelligence Operators come from non-white ethnic groups.

Human Intelligence Operators (including interrogators) is a volunteer specialisation open to all trades, from all three Services, whether Regular or Reserve, male and female and all ethnic backgrounds. The specialism requires a high level of training to qualify and is restricted to UK nationals only.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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>.

Yours sincerely,

- FOI_05022_05023 - Defence Statistics (Army) Input

Notes:

Figures have not been supplied for "Interrogator" and "Human Intelligence Officer" as these describe Competences rather than Trades, and Defence Statistics (Army) do not hold information on competences.

Trade data is Main Trade for Pay as recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration System. Main Trade for Pay is only attributable to personnel within the Soldier population and therefore will not include Officers.

Lance Cpl for Non Linguist 'Operator Military Intelligence' have not been included as they were not asked for in the FOI request.

Trained Regular Other Ranks Int Corps Strength, for Main Trades for Pay shown, by Paid Rank and Ethnicity as at 1st August 2014.

Main Trade for Pay	Ethnic Type	Rank			
		Corporal	Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Warrant Officer 2
Total		370	240	120	120
Operator Military Intelligence	White	360	230	110	110
	Asian	-	-	-	-
	Black	-	-	-	-
	Chinese	-	-	-	-
	Mixed	10	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Main Trade for Pay	Ethnic Type	Rank					
		Private	Lance Corporal	Corporal	Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Warrant Officer 2
Total		-	30	30	30	20	20
Operator Military Intelligence (Linguist)	White	-	30	30	30	20	20
	Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Black	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Chinese	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mixed	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Trained Regular Int Corps Strength for Paid Ranks of Major and Captain, by Ethnicity, as at 1st August 2014.

Ethnic Type	Paid Rank	
	Captain	Major
Total	140	120
White	140	110
Asian	-	-
Black	-	-
Chinese	-	-
Mixed	-	-
Other	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Caveats:

The figures are for Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, TA and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.

'Other' ethnicities include those who declined to declare their ethnicity.

Figures have been rounded to 10; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

Where rounding has been used, totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

"-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.

