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Dear Mr [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 2 September in which you requested the following information:

- 1. The nationalities, with total numbers for each nationality represented, of all service personnel currently serving in the United Kingdom military (Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force) who are NOT from Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales) and Northern Ireland.*
- 2. The number of persons from the Cayman Islands who have served in the United Kingdom military ((Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force) since 1st January 2000.*
- 3. The number of persons from the Falkland Islands who have served in the United Kingdom military ((Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force) since 1st January 2000.*

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. I can confirm that the MOD does hold information within the scope of your request contained in the attached table which shows the declared nationality figures for UK Regular Forces as at 1 July 2014. Please be advised that this is nationality as declared on the Joint Personnel Administration system.

In regard to Qs 2 and 3, the Department does not hold recorded information prior to April 2007. Between April 2007 and August 2014 there have been 10 UK Regular personnel who have declared a place of birth of the Cayman Islands serving in the Armed Forces, and there have been 5 UK Regular personnel who have declared a place of birth of the Falkland Islands serving in the Armed Forces.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Personnel Secretariat