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2017-18

for the year ending 31st March 2018

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These Votes A seek Parliamentary authority for the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces during the year ending 31st March 2018. These numbers do not constitute the Liability of the Armed Forces, which is published separately in the UK Armed Forces Monthly Service Personnel Statistics. Other Ministry of Defence Requests for Resources appear as Supply Estimates.

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Ministry of Defence 8th February 2017

Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP

VOTE A (Navy) I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE REGULAR NAVAL AND MARINE FORCES

Thirty five thousand, four hundred and seventy (35,470)

	2016-17			2017-2018		
Officers	Men and Women	Total		Officers	Men and Women	Total
6,380	20,940	26,870	Royal Navy	6,380	21,000	27,380
890	7,200	8,090	Royal Marines	890	7,200	8,090
7,270	27,690	34,960	TOTAL	7,270	28,200	35,470

- 1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, including those on terminal leave, who may be maintained for Naval service at any time during the year.
- 2. The maximum number includes a margin of 1,770 to cover unforeseen contingencies.
- 3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.
- 4. Naval service does not have officers designate.

VOTE A (Navy) II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE NAVAL AND MARINES FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996)

Twenty three thousand one hundred (23,100)

	2017-2018			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Royal Fleet Reserve (naval officers and ratings)	4,960	9,000	13,960	
Royal Fleet Reserve (marine officers and marines)	470	2,610	3,080	
Royal Naval Reserve	1,350	2,300	3,650	
Royal Marines Reserve	110	1,200	1,310	
Royal Naval Reserve (List 7)	1,100	-	1,100	
TOTAL	7,990	15,110	23,100	

- 1. Those maintained on List 7 of the Royal Naval Reserve include Royal Naval Reserve temporary officers recruited to assist with University Royal Naval Units (URNUs), URNU undergraduates and members of the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme (DTUS). List 7 personnel do not have a call out liability.
- 2. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 allows reservists to enter into specific contracts pertaining to Full Time Service, Additional Duties or Higher Readiness. The following paragraphs note the maximum number of personnel undertaking these commitments. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above.

3. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	170	600	770
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	40	100	140
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	160	135	295
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	35	100	135
Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	405	935	1,340

4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitment under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	20	15	35
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	15	10	25
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	40	40	80
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	30	40	70
Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	105	105	210
5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	15	40	55
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	5	20	25
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	20	30	50
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	10	30	40
Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	50	120	170

VOTE A (Navy) III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE NAVAL FORCES UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

Two thousand, four hundred and seventy (2,470)

	2017-2018			
	Officers Men and Women			
Royal Naval Reserve	850	1,620	2,470	
TOTAL	850	1,620	2,470	

^{1.} Members of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) have a liability to become Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces. Existing RFA personnel may become Special Reservists on a voluntary basis whereas new entrants are automatically enlisted as part of their terms and conditions of service.

VOTE A (Army) I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE REGULAR LAND FORCES

One hundred and seven thousand, nine hundred and thirty (107,930)

	2016-2017			2017-2018		
Officers	Men and Women	Total		Officers	Men and Women	Total
14,280	95,350	109,630	Army (Other than Services below)	14,180	89,150	103,330
150	3,120	3,270	Commonwealth, Colonial, &c., troops abroad and Gurkhas	200	4,400	4,600
14,430	98,470	112,900	TOTAL	14,380	93,550	107,930

- 1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women including those on terminal leave who may be maintained for Army service at any time during the year.
- 2. The maximum number includes a margin of 10% (9,810) to cover unforeseen contingencies.
- 3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.
- 4. Officers includes up to 690 officers designate.

VOTE A (Army) II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE LAND FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996)

Eighty thousand, four hundred and ten (80,410)

	2017-2018			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Army Regular Reserve	10,600	24,340	34,940	
Army Reserve	10,230	35,240	45,470	
TOTAL	20,830	59,580	80,410	

- 1. The totals of the Army Reserve include officers, men and women employed full-time but not Regular Army members of permanent staff who are included in Table 1.
- 2. The Defence Reform Act 2014 renamed the Army Reserve as the Regular Reserve and renamed the Territorial Army as the Army Reserve.
- 3. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 allows reservists to enter into specific contracts pertaining to Full Time Service, Additional Duties or Higher Readiness. The following paragraphs note the maximum number of personnel undertaking these commitments. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above.

4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Army Regular Reserve	1,480	2,360	3,840
- In the Army Reserve	870	1,020	1,890
Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	2,350	3,380	5,730
5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Army Regular Reserve	30	50	80
- In the Army Reserve	270	1,680	1,950
Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	300	1,730	2,030

6. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Army Regular Reserve	40	150	190
- In the Army Reserve	50	440	490
Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	90	590	680

VOTE A (Army) III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE LAND FORCES UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

Five hundred (500)

	2017-2018			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Army Regular Reserve	20	30	50	
Army Reserve	20	430	450	
TOTAL	40	460	500	

VOTE A (Air Force) I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE

Thirty five thousand, one hundred and thirty (35,130)

	2016-2017			2017-2018		
Officers	Men and Women	Total		Officers	Men and Women	Total
8,000	27,500	35,500	Royal Air Force	7,850	27,280	35,130
8,000	27,500	35,500	TOTAL	7,850	27,280	35,130

- 1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women, including those on terminal leave, who may be maintained for Air Force service at any time during the year.
- 2. The maximum number includes a margin of 1,680 to cover unforeseen contingencies.
- 3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.

VOTE A (Air Force) II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE AIR FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996)

Seventeen thousand and thirty (17,030)

	2017-2018			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Royal Air Force Reserve	4,500	9,000	13,500	
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	550	2,980	3,530	
TOTAL	5,050	11,980	17,030	

- 1. The maximum for the Royal Air Force Reserve includes 3,200 officers who hold commissions in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training) for the purposes of service with the Air Training Corps, Air Experience Flight, Combined Cadet Force and Volunteer Gliding Schools. The Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women category includes 1,050 officer cadets serving with the University Air Squadrons.
- 2. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 allows reservists to enter into specific contracts pertaining to Full Time Service, Additional Duties or Higher Readiness. The following paragraphs note the maximum number of personnel undertaking these commitments. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above.

3. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under Section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	580	710	1,290
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	100	250	350
Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be in full-time service under Section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	680	960	1,640
4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under Section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	110	50	160
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	30	30	60
Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under Section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	140	80	220

5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	-	-	-
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	40	60	100
Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	40	60	100

VOTE A (Air Force) III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE AIR FORCES UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

Two hundred and eighty (280)

	2017-2018			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Royal Air Force Reserve	100	180	280	
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	-	-	-	
TOTAL	100	180	280	

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