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Dear [Redacted]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 3rd November 2016 requesting the following information:

- '1) The authorised establishment strength in the Royal Logistic Corps Mariner Trade in each rank held from private through to Warrant Officer class I and any Late entry commissioned officers formerly of that trade or its predecessor trade?*
- 2) The same as 1 above but the trade of Royal Marine Coxwain from Marine to WO1*
- 3) the same as 1 above but the Royal Navy trade of Seaman from Able Seaman to Warrant Officer 1'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds some information in scope of your request.

In response to your first question, the authorised establishment strength in the Royal Logistic Corps Mariner Trade is as follows:

Rank	Number
Total	85
Private	30
Lance Corporal	25
Corporal	15
Sergeant	5
Staff Sgt	5
Warrant Officer Class 2	~
Warrant Officer Class 1	~
Late Entry Officers	-

The figures provided are Regular Army only and therefore exclude Ghurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reserves. Figures have been rounded to the nearest "5" to limit disclosure. A '~' indicates a value which is less than 5 and a '-' indicates a value of 0.

Late Entry paid rank refers to those who were a Mariner prior to late entry commission from April 2007 onwards. It is not possible to track the former trade of those who began a late entry commission prior to this time.

In answer to your second question about the authorised establishment strength for the trade of Royal Marine Coxswain, please be advised that the Royal Marine Corps does not have a Coxswain specialisation.

In answer to your third question, the authorised establishment strength for the Royal Navy specialisation of Seaman is as follows:

Total	641
Able Rate 1 & Able Rate 2	390
Leading Hand	132
Petty Officer	61
Chief Petty Officer	41
Warrant Office Class 1	17

The figures provided are for Trained Regular RN Personnel as of the 1st November 2016. Personnel in the Seaman Specialisation are not employed in the Submarine Service.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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.

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Yours sincerely

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