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Dear xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thank you for your email of 28 April in which you requested the following information:

- 1) How many foreign personnel are on exchange or embedded on a) Royal Navy Type 23 frigates/Type 45 Destroyers b) British Army 1st and 3rd Division units c) RAF Tornado and Typhoon Squadrons? I would limit this between January 2014-March 2016
- 2) Can you name the nationalities of these foreign personnel?

You subsequently advised on 26 May you wished to amend the request to only the first part of your request:

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I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) does hold information within scope of your amended request. For the purposes of this FOI we are using the term "permanent exchange officer" to describe foreign personnel on exchange or embedded with the UK Armed Forces.

Royal Air Force	2014	2015	Mar 2016
Typhoon	10	10	10
Tornado	10	~	~

Please see below Army numbers between January 2014 and March 2016

Army	
1 st Division	~
3 rd Division	~

Please note the Royal Navy do not hold any historical information concerning your request. The current numbers of embedded foreign personnel in the Navy are as follows:

Royal Navy	
Type 23 Frigates	10
Type 45 Destroyers	10

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat