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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 6th April 2016 requesting the following information:

“...the total number of staff (being officers plus men and women) employed (full or part time) by the Ministry of Defence (including the Royal Navy, army, RAF, Royal Marines, Reserve Naval and Marine Forces, Reserve Land Forces and Reserve Air Forces) as at:

31 March 2015

5 years before, i.e. at 31 March 2010

10 years before, i.e. at 31 March 2005

15 years before, i.e. at 31 March 2000

20 years before, i.e. at 31 March 1995

Please include in the figures the MOD Civilian staff”

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 21 of the FOIA (Information accessible to applicant by other means), the information you have requested is publically available online. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and is not subject to a public interest test.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Duty to provide advice and assistance) the figures you have requested can be found at the following links:

Civilian Numbers

Civilian figures are available in Table 1 of the Quarterly Civilian Personnel Report (QCPR) and Table 2.1 of the UK Defence Statistics (UKDS) publication:

QCPR (for 1 April 2015 figure)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mod-civilian-personnel-quarterly-statistics-index>

UKDS (for 1 April 1995 – 1 April 2010 figures)

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/index.php/publications/UK-defence-statistics-compendium/>

Regular Numbers

UK Regular strengths are available in Table 1 of the Service Personnel Statistics (SPS) Excel Spreadsheet and Table 2.1 of the UK Defence Statistics (UKDS) publication:

SPS (for 1 April 2015 figure)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-armed-forces-monthly-service-personnel-statistics-index>

UKDS (for 1 April 1995 – 1 April 2010 figures)

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/index.php/publications/UK-defence-statistics-compendium>

Reserve Numbers

Reserve strengths are available in Tables 2, 3 and 4 of the UK Reserve Forces and Strengths publication:

Gov.uk (for 1 April 2015 figure)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/strength-of-the-uk-reserve-forces-index>

Archived publications (for 1 April 1995 – 1 April 2010 figures)

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/index.php/publications/personnel/military/reserves-and-cadets-strengths/>

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Yours sincerely,

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