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Reply to: ■■■■ ■■■■

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Dear ■■■■ ■■■■,

Thank you for your email of 21 March 2016 in which you have requested the following information:

*"I would like to know how many Elite Athletes are currently employed within the Armed Forces and would like this information broken down by Service eg RAF, Army & Navy."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information within the scope of your request.

Therefore to answer your request we have interpreted your reference to "Elite Athletes" as meaning that an elite athlete is allowed to train full time with their respective National Governing Body or professional club. Under this definition the Royal Navy has 2 such athletes, the Army has 17 and the RAF 8.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2<sup>nd</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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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