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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2016, in response to my letter of 11 August 2016, requesting the following information:

- 1. How many RAF Regiment Reservists, (Force Protection) personnel served in Afghanistan in years 2007, 2008 and 2009. (Two Regiments covered a year, which normally contained 10 to 20 Reservists? so would be about 60 to 120 records.*
- 2. How many RAF Regiment Reservists, (Force Protection) personnel who served in Afghanistan in years 2007, 2008 and 2009 received the full bounty for the year they served, and how many didn't. What were the reasons why the Reservists didn't achieve full Bounty?*
- 3. How many RAF Regiment Reservist, (Force Protection) personnel left the military 6 months after their tour of Afghanistan in years 2007, 2008 and 2009. What reasons were given for the departures, Medical, Physical or just time served.*

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

The following parameters have been set to provide an answer to your request:

RAF Regiment has been classed as those non-commissioned personnel with the Trade of Gunner and those Officers in the Branch of Regiment or Ops Support (Regiment).

## Question 1

The table below provides the number of personnel that were deployed to Afghanistan for one day or more, in the given year. If an individual deployed in November 2007 and returned in March 2008 then they will have been counted in both years. If an individual deployed more than once in a given year then they are counted only once.

Year	Number of personnel
2007	53
2008	43
2009	59

Question 2

Although the MOD holds this information it is not possible to answer this element of your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to answer this question we would have to locate, retrieve and extract information from each of the 155 individual records detailed in question 1, amounting to a minimum of 3.5 working days of effort.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) we can inform you from trend analysis that about 90% of mobilised reservists still qualified for a training bounty at the next annual bounty point.

Question 3

Year	Number of personnel
2007	~
2008	~
2009	~

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data has been rounded to the nearest 10, where “-“ denotes zero and “~” denotes a number less than or equal to 5.


The year used refers to the year of termination.

We are unable to provide reasons for termination; this is personal data, whose release is governed by the Data Protection Act.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 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.

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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