



Ministry
of Defence

Ministry of Defence
Main Building (06/K)
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB
United Kingdom +44 (0)20 721 89000

Ref: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

19 January 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 16 December in which you requested the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam, Of the 14,000 service personnel who claimed a Commitment Bonus in 2014-15, how many were from the Army, the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy? Please provide a breakdown of the number of serving members of each branch of the armed forces likely to be affected by the phasing out of Commitment Bonuses.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence does hold some information within scope of your request.

The number of Service personnel who claimed a commitment bonus in 2014/15 broken down by Service is as follows:

Royal Navy: 2,956
Army: 8,980
Royal Air Force: 2,091

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, 1st 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat