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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 February 2016 requesting the following information:

I would like to request under FOI details of MoD staff taking part in The Ministry of Defence Saudi Armed Forces Projects (MODSAP) on February 16, 2016 and in each previous year (with annual figures) broken down into

- a) military personnel (with further breakdown by service and rank if possible), and*
- b) civilian MoD staff*

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

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that the MOD holds some of the information you have requested. Attached at Annex A to this letter is a spreadsheet which details the staff employed by the Ministry of Defence Saudi Armed Forces Projects (MODSAP) annually during the month of February, including the requested breakdown of military personnel. This information has been drawn from the service and civilian payrolls, but is only available for Financial Years 09/10 onwards. The totals may vary very slightly from the actual number employed on any single date during the month due to the usual churn of staff.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA you may want to note that MODSAP was established in 1986, but does not maintain its own personnel database and therefore relies on centrally-produced payroll data to meet requests for employee numbers. Previous requests have covered earlier years to those included at Annex A and I can therefore confirm the following additional information:

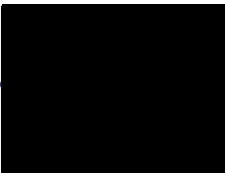
	March 2009	March 2008
Military Personnel	104	112
Civilian Personnel	106	97
MODSAP Total	210	209

Note: The MOD no longer holds the information required to provide breakdowns of the military personnel totals.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,



Assistant Head of Secretariat, Resources & Plans

Service and civilian staff employed each February by the Ministry of Defence Saudi Armed Forces Projects (MODSAP).

Date/Staff Breakdown	February 2016	February 2015	February 2014	February 2013	February 2012	February 2011	February 2010
RAF Personnel							
Air Marshal	1	1				1	1
Air Vice-Marshal			1	1		1	
Air Commodore	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Group Captain	4	5	4	4	5	6	5
Wing Commander	12	10	11	11	13	16	16
Squadron Leader	26	28	25	20	25	27	28
Flight Lieutenant	5	5	5	5	5	6	5
Warrant Officer	10	9	7	6	6	6	5
Flight Sergeant	4	1	4	5	5	5	4
Chief Technician	4	5	6	4	4	4	5
Sargeant	5	5	6	7	8	7	7
Corporal	11	10	9	9	9	11	10
SAC					1	1	2
RAF Total	83	80	79	73	82	92	90
RN Personnel							
Captain	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Commander	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lt Commander	6	6	5	6	6	6	5
Lieutenant	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Warrant Officer	4	4	3	5	5	4	4
Chief Petty Officer	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
RN Total	15	14	12	15	15	14	14
Service Total	98	94	91	88	97	106	104
Civilians	110	105	102	100	105	106	107
MODSAP Total	208	199	193	188	202	212	211

Note: Figures sourced from payroll data for Financial Years 09/10 to 15/16 inclusive.

