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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2015 requesting the following information:

1. *The number of Army Reservists on a military training exercise who have received a Notification of Casualty (NOTICAS) raised at the time of the exercise in a) 2011, b) 2012, c) 2013, d) 2014, e) 2015 so far*
2. *For each year, break down the reasons a NOTICAS was received*
3. *An explanation of/guidance on MOD NOTICAS procedure*

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

Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld. Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998.

The table below provides the number of UK Army Reservists who had a NOTICAS raised whilst on training or exercise, broken down by the reason a NOTICAS was raised, from 1st January 2011 to 31st July 2015. It includes UK Army reservists training whilst on operations.

Table 1: NOTICAS raised for UK Army Reservists on training or exercise by cause, 2011-2015: Numbers¹.

Cause	All	Year				
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
All	123	27	27	22	26	21
Natural Causes	54	10	13	7	13	11
Non Operational Accident	47	6	~	12	~	10
Operational Accident'	~	11	~	~	~	0
Violent or Unnatural Causes	~	0	0	~	~	0

Source: Defence Statistics

¹ Data presented as "~" has been suppressed in accordance with Defence Statistics' rounding policy

In line with Defence Statistics' rounding policy for health statistics (May 2009), and in keeping with the Office for National Statistics Guidelines, all numbers less than five have been suppressed and presented as '~'. Where there is only one cell in a row or column that is less than five, the next smallest number (or numbers where there are tied values) has also been suppressed so that numbers cannot simply be derived from totals.

With regard to question 3, the Notification of Casualty (or "NOTICAS") is the name for the formalised system of reporting casualties within the UK Armed Forces. NOTICAS information is available from the start of each operation. The NOTICAS reports raised for casualties contain supplementary information about the cause of the NOTICAS. The NOTICAS system categorises causes as either:

- a. Operational Accident – An accident occurring when deployed on operations
- b. Non-Operational Accident – An accident occurring when not deployed on operations
- c. Natural Causes
- d. Violent or Unnatural Causes

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Yours sincerely,



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