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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 20 October 2015 requesting the following information:

“Can I ask based on this written answer <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-10-09/10703/>

- 1) How many of the a) Vice Admirals b) Lieutenant Generals (Royal Marines and Army) and c) Air Marshals listed are active duty officers and how many of them are on the reserve and retired list?
- 2) For the 2 Royal Marine Major Generals listed in England, can you say their current positions or former positions if they are retired?
- 3) For the 12 Royal Marine Brigadiers listed in England, can you say their current positions or former positions if they are retired?”

We are 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 within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. Please see below the answers to your questions.

Question 1

Please be advised that the figures quoted in the published written answer refer to personnel who are being paid by the Ministry of Defence at the level of Vice Admiral/ Lieutenant General/ Air Marshall, are currently serving as UK Regular personnel¹ and are not Reservists or Retired. Therefore, at 1 July 2015, there were **7 Vice Admirals**, **3 Lieutenant Generals** in the Royal Marines, **11 Lieutenant Generals** in the Army and **10 Air Marshals** in the UK Regular Forces.

Question 2

We have interpreted “current positions” to mean current post/role. The 2 Royal Marine Major Generals listed in England are currently serving and have not retired. They are in the following roles:

- SURPLUS
- Commander UK Amphibious Forces & Commandant General RM

Question 3

We have interpreted “current positions” to mean current post/role. The 12 Royal Marine Brigadiers listed in England are currently serving and have not retired. They are in the following roles:

- Navy Command Information Security
- Head Strategic Studies Security Policy & Operations
- Assistant Chief of Staff Land & Littoral Manoeuvres
- Secondment to Cabinet Office
- MOD Defence Staff London
- Commander Joint Forces intelligence Group
- Secondment to DEFRA
- SURPLUS
- Commander 3 Commando Brigade
- Deputy Director Joint Warfare, Joint Forces Command
- Commander Core Training
- Head Centre for Defence Leadership & Management Training

Note:

1. UK Regulars are Full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, but excluding Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), High Readiness Reserve (HRR) and Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) personnel. Unless otherwise stated, includes trained and untrained personnel.

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Yours sincerely,

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