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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 9 April in which you requested the following information:

Of the 160 Brigadiers in the Army, how many are Black and Minority Ethnic (BME)?  
This request is also applied to the equivalent rank in the Navy and Air Force.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Following a search of our records, I can confirm that the MOD does hold information relating to your questions.

UK Regular<sup>1</sup> personnel of OF-6 NATO Rank<sup>2</sup> with detail on ethnicity<sup>3</sup>, as at 1 January 2015

	UK Regulars	RN/RM <sup>4</sup>	Army	RAF
OF-6	307	77	150	80
of which declared BAME <sup>3</sup>	~	0	~	~

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Please note that in accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data a figure of 5 or fewer is represented by ~.

**Notes -**

1. UK Regular Forces comprises trained and untrained Full-time personnel and excludes Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service personnel and reservists.
2. OF-6 is equivalent to the ranks of Commodore, Brigadier and Air Commodore in the Navy, Army and RAF respectively.
3. Black Asian and Minority Ethnic figures are based on those with a known ethnic origin – i.e. those that have chosen to declare. Please note that personnel are under no obligation to declare BAME status.
4. Royal Navy/Royal Marines

I hope that this information will be helpful to you.

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