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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 17th July 2015 requesting the following information:

“...the exact number (not percentage) of senior female officers in the highest ranks in British military forces, one star and above, split by Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and British Army.”

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.

The information you have requested can be found in Table 1.

Table 1: Senior¹ Female Officers in UK Regular Forces² as at 1 October 2014

| All Services | RNRM ³ | Army | RAF |
|--------------|-------------------|------|-----|
| 9 | - | 3 | 6 |

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

1. Senior Officers are personnel in 1* and above roles. This comprises all personnel with NATO Rank OF-6, OF-7, OF-8, OF-9 or OF-10.
2. UK Regular Forces comprises trained and untrained Full-time personnel but does not include Gurkhas, FTRS Personnel and reservists.
3. RNRM comprises all UK Regular personnel in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Note:

- “-“ is used to represent 0

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Yours sincerely,

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