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Dear [REDACTED],

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 9 February 2016 requesting the following information:

'As at January 31st, 2016, how many Royal Navy personnel were not in possession of an 'in-date' RN ID card and current Security Clearance'

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds information in scope of your request, and that 131 RN personnel are recorded as not being in possession of an in-date RN ID card and current security clearance.

The overwhelming majority, some 124, of these personnel are in the "Untrained Strength" (UTS) of the Naval Service; i.e. they are under initial training. There can at times be delay in the granting of Security Clearance for new entries at these establishments, usually as a result of incomplete information being available during the recruitment process prior to their first day of service. The closely confined and rigorous nature of the training environment, coupled with a lack of access to anything other than mess decks, classrooms and sports facilities, lowers any latent security risk to "As low As Reasonably Practicable". The Naval Personnel Security Branch is aware of the remaining seven personnel without Security Clearance and the situation is being closely monitored until their position is resolved.

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 this office 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.

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Yours sincerely

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