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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 October 2016 requesting the following information:

- "a. The number of personnel in the regular UK Armed Forces who are not British Citizens, British Overseas Territories Citizens or British Overseas Citizens; and*
- b. The overall percentage of regular UK Armed Forces that is made up by non-British Citizens, British Overseas Territories Citizens or British Overseas Citizens."*

I am 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 the information in scope of your request is not held.

All Government Departments are bound by legal requirements concerning the right to work in the UK. Evidence of nationality is checked at the point of recruitment into the Armed Forces as part of wider pre-employment checks, but there is no requirement on the department to retain this information beyond the point at which it has served its purpose.

More broadly, the Government will be consulting in due course on how we work with business to ensure that workers in this country have the skills that they need to get a job. But there are no proposals to publish lists of the number or proportion of foreign workers.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, 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.

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Yours sincerely,

Head of Defence Business Services Secretariat