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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 13 July requesting the following information:

What percentage of serving male serving soldiers were made redundant to that of the percentage of serving female soldiers who were made redundant?

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 held.

The information you have requested can be found below,

Table with 4 columns: Gender, Officers & Soldiers, Officers, Soldiers. Data: Female (6.9%, 2.9%, 7.8%), Male (9.3%, 6.4%, 9.8%)

Source: (Defence Statistics Army)

You may find the following explanation of how the rate was calculated helpful. The average strength calculation included combat arms where women do not serve and was not limited to the population eligible to be selected for redundancy. The rate is based on the number of UK trained Army Regular personnel who left the Army on redundancy and the average strength of the Army between October 2011 and May 2015 (inclusive). The figures do not include Gurkhas.

You may also be interested in further published statistics about the UK Armed Forces redundancy program which are published at the following internet link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-armed-forces-redundancy-program-statistics-index

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](mailto: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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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