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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 July 2016 which requested the numbers of women serving in Naval Service occupational branches in 1999. Your enquiry is considered to be a Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence. I can confirm that the information requested is held and is provided in the table below in the format you requested:

Trained Regular Strength – Naval Service women

Branch of Naval Service	1 April 1999	
	Total women	Women as % of total strength
Warfare	940	8% of 12,180
Logistics	1,020	21% of 4,860
Engineer	370	3% of 14,750
Medical	230	25% of 940
QARNNS	160	77% of 200
Royal Marines Band Service	20	6% of 350
Careers Service	~	3% of 180
Dental Service	10	21% of 60
Royal Marines General Service	0	0% of 5,470
Royal Marine Fleet Air Arm	n/a	n/a
Chaplaincy Service	~	4% of 70
Grand Total	2,760	7% of 39,070

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the figures provided have been rounded to the nearest 10. Where personnel numbers are below 10 this has been shown as ~. Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.

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Yours sincerely,

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section