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2016-17

for the year ending 31st March 2017

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These Votes A seek Parliamentary authority for the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces during the year ending 31st March 2017. These numbers do not constitute the Liability of the Armed Forces, which is published separately in the UK Armed Forces Monthly Service Personnel Statistics. Other Ministry of Defence Requests for Resources appear as Supply Estimates.

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Ministry of Defence 10 February 2016

Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP

VOTE A (Navy) I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE REGULAR NAVAL AND MARINE FORCES

Thirty four thousand, nine hundred and sixty (34,960)

	2015-16				2016-2017	
Officers	Men and Women	Total		Officers	Men and Women	Total
6,570	20,940	27,510	Royal Navy	6,380	20,490	26,870
900	7,440	8,340	Royal Marines	890	7,200	8,090
7,470	28,380	35,850	TOTAL	7,270	27,690	34,960

- 1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, including those on terminal leave, who may be maintained for Naval service at any time during the year.
- 2. The maximum number includes a margin of 1,680 to cover unforeseen contingencies.
- 3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.
- 4. Naval service does not have officers designate.

VOTE A (Navy) II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE NAVAL AND MARINES FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996)

Twenty three thousand and ninety (23,090)

	Officers	Men and Women	Total
Royal Fleet Reserve (naval officers and ratings)	4,960	9,000	13,960
Royal Fleet Reserve (marine officers and marines)	470	2,610	3,080
Royal Naval Reserve	1,350	2,300	3,650
Royal Marines Reserve	100	1,200	1,300
Royal Naval Reserve (List 7)	1,100	-	1,100
TOTAL	7,980	15,110	23,090

- 1. Those maintained on List 7 of the Royal Naval Reserve include Royal Naval Reserve temporary officers recruited to assist with University Royal Naval Units (URNUs), URNU undergraduates and members of the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme (DTUS). List 7 personnel do not have a call out liability.
- 2. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 allows reservists to enter into specific contracts pertaining to Full Time Service, Additional Duties or Higher Readiness. The following paragraphs note the maximum number of personnel undertaking these commitments. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above.

3. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	170	600	770
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	40	100	140
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	160	135	295
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	35	100	135
Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	405	935	1,340

4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitment under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	20	15	35
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	15	10	25
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	40	40	80
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	30	40	70
Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	105	105	210
5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as naval officers and ratings	15	40	55
- In the Royal Fleet Reserve as marine officers and marines	5	20	25
- In the Royal Naval Reserve	60	100	160
- In the Royal Marines Reserve	20	100	120
Total in the reserve naval and marine forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	100	260	360

VOTE A (Navy) III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE NAVAL FORCES UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

Two thousand, four hundred and seventy (2,470)

	2016-2017			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Royal Naval Reserve	850	1,620	2,470	
TOTAL	850	1,620	2,470	

^{1.} Members of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) have a liability to become Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces. Existing RFA personnel may become Special Reservists on a voluntary basis whereas new entrants are automatically enlisted as part of their terms and conditions of service.

VOTE A (Army) I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE REGULAR LAND FORCES

One hundred and twelve thousand, nine hundred (112,900)

	2015-2016			2016-2017		
Officers	Men and Women	Total		Officers	Men and Women	Total
13,860	91,090	104,950	Army (Other than Services below)	14,280	95,350	109,630
150	3,330	3,480	Commonwealth, Colonial, &c., troops abroad and Gurkhas	150	3,120	3,270
14,010	94,420	108,430	TOTAL	14,430	98,470	112,900

- 1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women including those on terminal leave and also young and junior soldiers, who may be maintained for Army service at any time during the year.
- 2. The maximum number includes a margin of 5% to cover unforeseen contingencies.
- 3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.
- 4. Officers includes up to 680 officers designate.

VOTE A (Army) II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE LAND FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996)

Ninety three thousand, three hundred and thirty (93,330)

	2016-2017			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Army Regular Reserve	11,300	26,770	38,070	
Army Reserve	9,110	46,150	55,260	
TOTAL	20,410	72,920	93,330	

- 1. The totals of the Army Reserve include officers, men and women employed full-time but not Regular Army members of permanent staff who are included in Table 1.
- 2. The Defence Reform Act 2014 renamed the Army Reserve as the Regular Reserve and renamed the Territorial Army as the Army Reserve.
- 3. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 allows reservists to enter into specific contracts pertaining to Full Time Service, Additional Duties or Higher Readiness. The following paragraphs note the maximum number of personnel undertaking these commitments. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above.

4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Army Regular Reserve	1,870	2,600	4,470
- In the Army Reserve	820	1,500	2,320
Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be in full-time service under section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	2,690	4,100	6,790
5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Army Regular Reserve	20	40	60
- In the Army Reserve	410	2,050	2,460
Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	430	2,090	2,520

6. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Army Regular Reserve	15	30	45
- In the Army Reserve	40	440	480
Total in the reserve land forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996	55	470	525

VOTE A (Army) III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE LAND FORCES UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

Five hundred and sixty (560)

	2016-2017			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Army Regular Reserve	20	30	50	
Army Reserve	30	480	510	
TOTAL	50	510	560	

VOTE A (Air Force) I: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE

Thirty five thousand, five hundred (35,500)

	2015-2016			2016-2017		
Officers	Men and Women	Total		Officers	Men and Women	Total
8,000	27,870	35,870	Royal Air Force	8,000	27,500	35,500
8,000	27,870	35,870	TOTAL	8,000	27,500	35,500

- 1. This Table of the Vote fixes the maximum number of officers, men and women, including those on terminal leave, who may be maintained for Air Force service at any time during the year.
- 2. The maximum number includes a margin of 2,000 to cover unforeseen contingencies.
- 3. The number includes personnel on loan service with government departments or other governments and personnel serving in international defence organisations.

VOTE A (Air Force) II: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE RESERVE AIR FORCES

(excluding those to be maintained as special members of these forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996)

Nineteen thousand, two hundred and seventy (19,270)

	2016-2017			
	Officers	Men and Women	Total	
Royal Air Force Reserve	5,200	10,500	15,700	
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	550	3,020	3,570	
TOTAL	5,750	13,520	19,270	

- 1. The maximum for the Royal Air Force Reserve includes 3,800 officers who hold commissions in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training) for the purposes of service with the Air Training Corps, Air Experience Flight, Combined Cadet Force and Volunteer Gliding Schools. The Royal Air Force Reserve Men and Women category includes 1,150 officer cadets serving with the University Air Squadrons.
- 2. The Reserve Forces Act 1996 allows reservists to enter into specific contracts pertaining to Full Time Service, Additional Duties or Higher Readiness. The following paragraphs note the maximum number of personnel undertaking these commitments. These maxima are included in the totals shown in Table II above.

3. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be in full-time service under Section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	500	550	1,050
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	150	250	400
Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be in full-time service under Section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	650	800	1,450
4. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under Section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	80	70	150
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	40	40	80
Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be subject to additional duties commitments under Section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	120	110	230

5. Numbers of members of each force who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	Officers	Men and Women	Total
- In the Royal Air Force Reserve	20	20	40
- In the Royal Auxiliary Air Force	70	100	170
Total in the reserve air forces who may at any time be liable for call-out under special agreements as members of the High Readiness Reserve under Part IV of the Reserve Forces Act 1996:	90	120	210

VOTE A (Air Force) III: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN TO BE MAINTAINED FOR SERVICE AS SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE AIR FORCES UNDER PART V OF THE RESERVE FORCES ACT 1996

Three hundred and ten (310)

	2016-2017		
	Officers	Men and Women	Total
Royal Air Force Reserve	100	210	310
Royal Auxiliary Air Force	-	-	-
TOTAL	100	210	310

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