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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your email dated 5 December requesting the following information:

Given the highly likely enemy of the realm [politically, an assumption vast numbers of our population would readily recognise namely Jihadists] and the large numbers of Muslim immigrants now established as UK citizens whose declared loyalties are to say the least ambiguous, plus the very obvious large and growing anti-establishment group of mainly indigenous young people, who openly rebel against many democratically elected government pieces of legislation, especially against plans made to defend our country and its armed forces from harm be that from internal or external sources], are there any overt or covert plans to address mass refusals to register for Service if Parliament decrees it necessary in the future?

I am writing to confirm that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

There are no plans to address mass refusals to register for Service in the UK Armed Forces. Neither is any consideration being given to the implementation of any form of Conscription or National Service by the British Government for any current or future conflict.

The demanding nature of our defence roles today is such that we must have highly trained, professional men and women who are dedicated and able to make full use of modern, sophisticated equipment and the associated tactics and strategies. Therefore, the structure of our Armed Forces is designed to ensure that they are, and will be able to meet, the demands placed on them.

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 Head of Corporate Information, 1st Floor, Zone N, 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.

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, <http://ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat