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Thank you for your email of 16 October in which you requested the following information:

'A breakdown of how many soliders served in The Queens Royal Hussars during 2005 – 2012. Within the breakdown can you illustrate by each year how many of the soliders were from a Ethnic Minority and how many of those from a Ethnic Minority were represented at the following ranks:

- Private/Trooper
- JNCO
- SNCO
- Warrant Officer
- Commissioned Officer'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and detailed in the table below.

	Total		OFFICER		OTHER RANKS							
			Commissioned Officer		Warrant Officer		SNCO		JNCO		Private/Trooper	
Date	Total	of which Ethnic Minority (EM)	Total	of which EM	Total	of which EM	Total	of which EM	Total	of which EM	Total	of which EM
01/04/2005	540	20	80	0	20	۲	65	۲	175	5	195	10
01/04/2006	525	15	85	~	25	~	65	~	180	~	175	5
01/04/2007	510	20	85	~	20	0	70	~	170	~	170	10
01/04/2008	490	20	80	~	20	0	70	~	160	5	160	10
01/04/2009	505	25	70	~	25	0	70	~	125	5	215	15
01/04/2010	560	35	75	~	25	0	70	~	165	15	230	15
01/04/2011	545	35	75	~	20	~	65	?	185	10	200	20
01/04/2012	475	35	70	~	15	۲	60	۲	170	10	155	20

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

- The figures are for trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, Army Reserve and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from Gurkha Trained Adult Male to UK Trained Adult Personnel.
- The ethnic breakdown is as recorded on the administrative systems.
- The data have been rounded to the nearest 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality.
- '~' denotes fewer than 5
- Total Ethnic Minority strengths are based on the number of personnel for whom we hold a record of ethnic origin. i.e. excluding those of unspecified ethnic origin.

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Yours sincerely,

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