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Dear xxxxxxxxxx,

Thank you for your email of 10 July in which you requested the following information:

1. *'How many Soldiers (both Officers and Other Ranks) are in the Mounted Household Cavalry?*
2. *How many Soldiers (both Officers and Other Ranks) are ethnic minorities within the Mounted Household Cavalry?*
3. *How many Soldiers (both Officers and Other Ranks) are in the non-Mounted Household Cavalry?*
4. *How many Soldiers (both Officers and Other Ranks) are ethnic minorities within the non-Mounted Household Cavalry?'*

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 is detailed in the table below.

| Unit | Ethnicity | Total | Officers | Other Ranks |
|---|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment (HCMR) - Mounted | White Background | 330 | 20 | 310 |
| | Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) | 30 | - | 30 |
| Household Cavalry Regiment (HCR) – Non Mounted | White Background | 310 | 30 | 280 |
| | BAME | 30 | ~ | 30 |
| Other duties | White Background | 150 | 40 | 110 |
| | BAME | ~ | ~ | ~ |

Notes/Caveats:

- The figures are for Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reserves.
- Other duties include attachment to other formations and wider defence duties.
- Strength figures have been rounded to 10; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
- “~” denotes fewer than 5.
- “-” denotes zero or rounded to zero.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely,

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