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Dear 

Thank you for your letter received by the Ministry Of Defence on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 requesting the following information:

1. **The strength of the 1st Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borderers at the time of the amalgamation in 2006.**
2. **The strength of the 1st Battalion Royal Scots at the time of the amalgamation in 2006.**
3. **The strength of the 1st Battalion The Royal Scots Borderers (The Royal Regiment of Scotland as at present).**
4. **The strength of the Royal Navy in 2006.**
5. **The strength of the Royal Navy as at present.**
6. **The strength of the Royal Air Force in 2006.**
7. **The strength of the Royal Air Force as at present.**

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held. Under Section 21 (information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act, information provided in response to Questions 1-2 and 4-7 is freely available at the links provided.

#### **1. and 2.**

In response to a Parliamentary Question by Pete Wishart MP on 8 January 2007, 1 April 2006 strength figures were provided for the 1st Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, reported as "King's Own Scottish Borderers Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland" and the 1st Battalion The Royal Scots, reported as "The Royal Scots Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland":

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm070108/text/70108w0017.htm#07010921000026>

3. These figures are provided in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: The strength of the 1st Battalion The Royal Scots Borderers (The Royal Regiment of Scotland - 1 SCOTS) as at 1 January 2017**

	Total	Officer	Other Ranks
1 SCOTS	430	30	410

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes:

1. The figures are for Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reserves.

2. These figures include members of the Regiment serving with the Battalion. It does not include other Infantry serving with 1 SCOTS or 1 SCOTS personnel posted away from the Regiment. Strength figures also exclude attached Arms/Services.

### **Rounding**

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

### **4. and 6.**

Strength figures for the Royal Navy UK Regulars and Royal Air Force UK Regulars in 2006 are published in the 2006 UK Defence Statistics Compendium (Table 2.7):

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/publications/UK-defence-statistics-compendium/2006/2006.pdf#page=57>

### **5. and 7.**

The most recent strength figures for the Royal Navy UK Regulars (Table 2a) and Royal Air Force UK Regulars (Table 2c) are published in the Excel tables accompanying the January 2017 edition of the UK Armed Forces Monthly Service Personnel Statistics:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-monthly-service-personnel-statistics-2017>

Please also find enclosed hard copies of the links provided.

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Yours sincerely,

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