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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 requesting the following information:

*“Full time trained personnel serving against the requirement... as of 1 April 2017”*

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. Please find the full time trained strength serving against the requirement as at 1 April 2017, broken down by Regulars, Gurkhas and FTRS and Officer/ Other Rank in the table below.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely,

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Full Time Trained Strength and Full Time Trade Trained Strength (Army) counted against the liability

	<b><u>2017</u></b> <b><u>01-Apr</u></b>
<b>All Services</b>	138844
Of which UK Regular Forces	135715
<i>Requirement</i>	145247
<i>Surplus/Deficit</i>	<i>-6403</i>
<b>Officers</b>	24637
Of which UK Regular Forces	24283
Of which Gurkhas	106
Of which FTRS	248
<i>Requirement</i>	25406
<i>Surplus/Deficit</i>	<i>-769</i>
<b>Other Ranks</b>	114207
Of which UK Regular Forces	111432
Of which Gurkhas	2462
Of which FTRS	313
<i>Requirement</i>	119841
<i>Surplus/Deficit</i>	<i>-5634</i>