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Dear

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry of Defence on 26th April 2018 requesting data from the most recent Families Continuous Attitude Survey (FamCAS) relating to questions about encouraging your spouse/civil partner to stay or leave the Service.

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

I am writing to confirm that MOD holds information on the subject you have requested. However, this question is not one of the agreed harmonised Tri-Service FamCAS questions and so was asked very differently in each of the single Service 2017 Families questionnaires.

As such results for these questions are not directly comparable between Services and nor are Tri-Service results available. The published UK Tri-Service Families Continuous Attitude Survey Results only includes results for the harmonised Tri-Service questions.

Please find below a copy of results for each of the single Service 2017 questions about encouraging your spouse/civil partner to stay or leave the Service.

Royal Navy/Royal Marines:

Have you ever started a discussion with your partner about leaving the service in the last 2 years?

		Officers	Other Ranks	Total
Yes, very often	%	21	22	22
Yes, often	%	21	21	21
Yes, occasionally	%	31	27	29
No	%	27	30	29
<i>Unweighted Count</i>	(n)	809	1382	2191

Source: Naval People Strategy

Army:

Over the last 12 months have you:				
		Officers	Other Ranks	Total
Strongly encouraged your partner to stay in the Army	%	10	18	17
Encouraged your partner to stay in the Army	%	20	21	21
Neither	%	47	45	45
Encouraged your partner to leave the Army	%	17	11	12
Strongly encouraged your partner to leave the Army	%	5	6	5
<i>Unweighted Count</i>	(n)	886	1802	2688

Source: Army Personnel Research Capability

RAF:

In the last 12 months, how often have you done the following: Encouraged your partner to stay in the RAF?				
		Officers	Other Ranks	Total
All the time	%	2	5	4
A lot	%	8	11	10
Sometimes	%	24	27	26
Occasionally	%	20	17	18
Never	%	46	40	42
<i>Unweighted Count</i>	(n)	534	1425	1959

In the last 12 months, how often have you done the following: Encouraged your partner to leave the RAF?				
		Officers	Other Ranks	Total
All the time	%	2	2	2
A lot	%	9	9	9
Sometimes	%	23	18	20
Occasionally	%	15	14	15
Never	%	51	57	55
<i>Unweighted Count</i>	(n)	531	1417	1948

Source: HQ Air Occupational Psychology Team

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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