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Dear XXXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email of 19 July in which you requested the following information:

*a breakdown in numbers by Rank of Soldiers based in Scotland from how many Recruits up to rank of Majors etc based in Scotland.*

*A recent article by the MOD stated 8000 Soldiers based in Scotland but gives no breakdown on each specific rank.*

*If you can supply the breakdown by rank that would be great.*

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. The information you have requested can be found below. This has been interpreted as a request for Army information due to the references to 'soldiers' and the rank of 'Major'.

Section 40(2) (Personal Data) of the FOIA has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Please note:

- The data provided is for full time Army personnel, including Regulars, Gurkhas and Full Time Reserve Service.
- The figures are based on where individuals are stationed, not where they live. Not everyone stationed in Scotland is a Scottish taxpayer and not every Scottish taxpayer is stationed in Scotland.
- Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location.
- Figures have been rounded to 10 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality.
- "~" - Less than 5

## Full time Army Personnel stationed in Scotland by Rank as at 1 April 2018

Rank	
Major General	~
Brigadier	~
Colonel	10
Lieutenant Colonel	80
Major	250
Captain	240
Lieutenant / Second Lieutenant	70
Warrant Officer 1	60
Warrant Officer 2	210
Staff Sergeant	300
Sergeant	360
Corporal	640
Lance Corporal	830
Private	1,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,360</b>

Source: Defence Statistics

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that recent news articles and the MOD press release (link below) refer to the number of military personnel in all three Services who are based in Scotland.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/military-personnel-in-scotland-protected-from-tax-hikes>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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