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Thank you for your e-mail of 7 June 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) about the Northern Ireland Security Guard Service (NISGS).

You asked:

“what percentage of roman catholics work in the civil service department in northern Ireland known as the northern ireland security guard service or NISGS for short”

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that eight per cent of NISGS staff are recorded as being Roman Catholic. Please note that the recording of religious information on the MOD civilian Human Resource Management System is voluntary and staff are not required to record a religious affiliation.

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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DBS Secretariat

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