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> 16/08/2018 Date:

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 30/07/2018 requesting the following information:

"Please supply the following information:

The total number of serving personnel, posted in Scotland, earning a basic salary under £26k. The total number of serving personnel, posted in Scotland, earning a basic salary above £26k."

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. The table in the Microsoft Excel document attached provides the data requested. The table shows all Full Time Personnel stationed in Scotland with a breakdown of the specified pay bands and assign type.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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). 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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Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel** and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enguiries@mod.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

Full Time Service Personnel^{1, 2} stationed in Scotland³ by Pay Ba

	Regular	Gurkha	FTRS	Total
>£26,000	6,910	~	420	7,330
<=26,000	3,010	-	~	3,010
Total	9,910	~	420	10,340

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

1. Full Time Service personnel includes Regulars, Gurkhas and FTRS from all three services.

2. The new tax mitigation policy is regarding Regulars and Gurkhas only.

3. The figures are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence - w personnel work isn't necessarily where they live. Not everyone stationed in Scotland is a Scottish taxpay every Scottish taxpayer is stationed in Scotland. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location. The Royal Navy/Royal Marine personnel on sea service are included against the local authority containing the home port of their ship. 4. Includes basic salary and X Factor, excludes allowances and other retention-type payments, some of v taxable.

5. Figures have been rounded as they are estimates. They have been rounded to the nearest 10, number in "5" have been rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias.

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