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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 20-09-2018 requesting the following information:

*“the balance of pay in the UK Forces between Officers and Soldiers”*

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

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Yours sincerely,

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## Balance of pay<sup>1</sup> in the UK Regular Forces<sup>2</sup> as at 1 April 2018

	RN/RM	Army	RAF	Total <sup>3</sup>
Officers	32.6%	25.8%	34.8%	29.5%
Other Ranks	67.4%	74.2%	65.2%	70.5%

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

1. Based on Basic Salary plus X Factor, excluding additional pay and allowances.
2. Contains UK Regulars from all 3 services, including Nursing Services, but excluding FTRS personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, MPGS, LEP and NRPS.
3. Percentages have been rounded to one decimal place. The total is a percentage across all three services and therefore cannot be obtained by averaging the percentages for each service due to them having different weightings.