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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 May 2018 requesting the following information:

I would specifically like to know the actual staff numbers and establishment/complement of staff in the following units in the current year or (where they have ceased to exist) in their last year of operation.

1. Joint Information Activities Group (JIAG) (or successor unit)
2. Directorate of Defence Communications
3. Targeting and Information Operations (or successor unit)
4. 77th Brigade
5. Security Assistance Group
6. 7644 Squadron
7. British Forces Broadcasting Service

For each of the above I would also like to know the date of creation and cessation of any unit and the date of creation of any successor.

Please also supply organisational diagrams to illustrate the relations between the various bodies mentioned here, and any others involved in media and comms work (to include Information Ops, Psyops, Target Audience Analysis etc)

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information you have requested has been completed. The current establishment and strength figures are shown in the table below.

Please note that the Security Assistance Group, which was created under the Army 2020 concept, was renamed in 2015 creating the 77th Brigade.

Unit	Formed	Establishment	Strength
JIAG	2013	31	29-31

77th Brigade - Regular Army Personnel (Including Full Time Reserve Service and Non Regular Permanent Staff) Navy & RAF	2015	203	190
77th Brigade - Army Future Reserve 2020, Navy & RAF Reserve	2015	271	150
7644 Squadron	1997	44	29
Directorate of Defence Communications (DDC)	2015	104	93
Military Strategic Effects (Targeting and Information Operations) *	2013	35	34

*Please note the Targeting and Information Operations was originally established circa 1999/2000. In 2013 this branch was renamed Military Strategic Effects, part of the Operations Directorate.

We are unable to provide the information you have requested for British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS). BFBS is an independent organisation from the Ministry of Defence, therefore the MOD does not hold the data.

Furthermore, we are unable to provide '*organisational diagrams to illustrate the relations between the various bodies mentioned here, and any others involved in media and comms work (to include Information Ops, Psyops, Target Audience Analysis etc)*', as this information does not exist in the format requested.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary