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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 08.11.2019 requesting the following information:

- “1. How many BAME officers are represented by the 2.5% figure published in Oct 2018**
- 2. How do BAME officers split by RN/RM, Army and RAF**
- 3. How do BAME officers split by each of the ranks e.g. how many at Captain, Colonel, Brigadier level etc**
- 4. Is the % of BAME officers trending up or down over time.**
- 5. Do you have a breakdown of the BAME offices across the UK armed forces**
- 6. Do you have any further breakdown of what constitutes BAME e.g. what proportion/% of Black, Asian and Minority ethnic officers are currently servicing.”**

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

All of the information requested is exempt under Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible to you by other means). This information is available in Table 2, Table 2a of the Excel file in the UK Armed Forces Biannual Diversity Statistics Publication which can be accessed at the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-biannual-diversity-statistics-2018>

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Yours sincerely,

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