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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 7th May 2020 requesting the following information:

“ The demographic information for the UK armed forces for the years 1990, 1991, and 1992.

- *Total size (personnel) of all UK armed forces*
- *Total number and percentage of women within UK armed forces*
- *Total number and percentage of BAME people within UK armed forces (broken down by race/ethnicity in line with available information)*
- *Totally number and percentage of Commonwealth military personnel within UK armed forces*
- *Posters and/or pamphlets (i.e. visual images) of military recruitment campaigns ”*

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

As to part 1 and 2 of your request the data is held and is contained in Table 1.

Table 1: UK Regulars¹ by gender² at 1 April 1990 to 1 April 1992

	As at April 1st 1990	%	As at April 1st 1991	%	As at April 1st 1992	%
Royal Navy/ Royal Marines	63,210		62,060		62,120	
Of which female	3,660	6%	4,140	7%	4,570	7%
Army	137,430		136,620		133,450	
Of which female	7,050	5%	7,550	6%	7,780	6%
RAF	89,680		88,370		85,960	
Of which female	6,760	8%	7,210	8%	7,290	8%

Notes:

1. UK Regular Forces includes all trained and untrained personnel for both Royal Navy/Royal Marines, and RAF. Please note, Army personnel figures include Trained Strength only, and therefore exclude any Untrained Strengths or Officer Designates. Trained strength is comparable to the current term trade trained strength. Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve personnel, and mobilised reservists are excluded for all three services.
2. Armed Forces statistics to 2005 are compiled from pay records (Naval Service) or personnel records (Army and RAF) held by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA, formerly the Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency), and thus gender is as defined in these records

The above statistics has been extracted from the 'Historic Compendium of Army Manpower Statistics' produced in January 2010 by Defence Statistics (Army) formerly known as DASA (Army). This was a consistent collation of information that was reported to defence at this time.

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 in line with disclosure control policy. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid bias, 5 or fewer is represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'.

As to part 3 of your request; no data is held on the ethnicity of Armed Forces personnel from 1990-1992 as and as such the requested data is not held.

As to part 4 of your request; no data is held on the nationality of Armed Forces personnel from 1990-1992 and as such the requested data is not held.

As to part 5 of your request; no data is held on posters/pamphlets of Armed Forces recruitment campaigns from 1990-1992 and as such the requested data is not held.

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 Analysis-Tri-Service@mod.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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