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Dear Mr Defence Business
Services

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Thank you for your email of 10 July 2020 requesting the following information:

“....., I have rephrased my questions as you suggest and would be grateful if you could provide me with the information requested as soon as possible. The questions are detailed below:

- 1. *How many civilian Fee-earners are currently engaged by the Adventurous Training Group (Army)?*
- 2. *How many civilian Fee-earners are currently engaged across the whole of defence?*
- 3. *Out of those civilian Fee-earners who are currently engaged across the whole of defence (determined at Point 2 above), how many of them are on the payroll and paid through the PAYE scheme?”*

This was further to our response of 2 July 2020 to your clarification of 8 June 2020 requesting the following information:

“...I understand that answering my fourth question will exceed the appropriate amount but would now be grateful if you could look at providing me with information answering questions 1 to 3....”

Which was further to your request of 11 May 2020 asking for the following information

“...1. How many civilians are currently on contract under the MOD F161 contract with the Adventurous Training Group (Army)?

2. *How many civilians are currently on contract under the MOD F161 contract across the whole of defence?*
3. *Out of those civilians who are currently contracted under the MOD F161 (determined at Point 2 above), how many of them are on the payroll and paid through the PAYE scheme?*
4. *Of those civilians contracted through the MOD F161 contract and paid through the payroll as PAYE (determined at Point 3 above), how many have been furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?....”*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held.

As of 6 August 2020, there were 27 civilian Fee-earners engaged by the Adventurous Training Group (Army).

As of 17 July 2020, there were 525 civilian Fee-earners engaged across the Ministry of Defence, of which, 448 were being paid on payroll and paid through the PAYE system.

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

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services Secretariat Team