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Date: **21/10/2020**

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 23rd September 2020 requesting the following information:

1. **“What is the split (%) between the RN and RM of the 31,970 personnel within the United Kingdom?”**
2. **What is the Proportion (%) of Females Other Ranks (Regulars) in the Army, RN/RM and RAF?**
3. **What is the Proportion (%) of BAME Officers (Regulars) in the Army, RN/RM and RAF?**
4. **What is the Proportion (%) of BAME Other Ranks (Regulars) in the Army, RN/RM and RAF?”**

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 the information in scope of your request is held. This available data is contained in the Biannual Diversity Statistics Publication, the latest version can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-biannual-diversity-statistics-2020>.

For part one of your request, please note the current figure for Royal Navy/Royal Marines, as at 1 April 2020, is 32,760, where the split is 26,170 for Royal Navy and 6,590 for Royal Marines. This data is available in Table 1 of the Biannual Diversity Statistics.

For part two of your request, the data is available in Table 1 of the Biannual Diversity Statistics.

For part three and four of your request, the data is available in Table 2a of the Biannual Diversity Statistics.

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Yours sincerely,

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