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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 18th May 2020 requesting the following information:

What is the current size (to the nearest thousand), please breakdown full time and reservists for each and also for those based in the UK?

RAF

Army

Navy

From those services what is the breakdown of service personnel occupying SSA (to the nearest thousand), full time serving only please, UK based only? If you are unable to breakdown between full time and reservist then please provide those numbers.

RAF

Army

Navy

How many bases for each service will there be, after the latest list of closures has been completed, please list for each service with approx. number or SSA available on each base? Please include in total number of SSA available if any new accommodation is due to be built and please indicate these figures, again UK bases only please.

RAF

Army

Navy

How many UK bases have Military Transport on site?

What is the total number of MT vehicles leased to the services, UK based?

RAF

Army

Navy

How much does each service spend on electricity for SSA per year, UK bases only?

RAF

Army

Navy

Does the military/MoD/individual services have one main electricity supplier or is this dependant on regions?

Thank you very much in advance, I understand that it might take a little bit longer during the current climate, please can you acknowledge receipt of this email and let me know a rough timeline of when the answers will be completed.

Clarification received on 4th August 2020,

It should be single service accommodation. I am just interested in rough numbers of rooms available for service personnel to live in on the base. This could include married unaccompanied personnel but I think that would be too complicated to work out so just the rooms that are available in the officer's mess and junior ranks accommodation etc.

If you need any background to the reasons why I require the information I would be happy to provide it but I would like it redacted if the results are published to the public, if that is possible.

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 of the information in scope of your request is held.

As to question 1 of your request, please find table below showing total Regular and FR20 Reserves Stationed in the UK by Service as at 1 April 2020

	Maritime	Army	RAF	Total
UK Regular Force	32,000	76,000	31,000	139,000
UK FR20 Reserve Force	4,000 e	29,000 e	3,000 e	36,000 e

"e" - Estimate

Source: Defence Statistics

Notes:

- UK Regular Forces - Figures are for UK Regular Forces (including both Trained and Untrained personnel), and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service personnel and mobilised reservists. Royal Navy / Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the local authority containing the home port of their ship. RAF Other Ranks serving in the South Atlantic are shown against the location containing their home base.
- Future Reserves 2020 includes volunteer reserves who are mobilised, HRR and volunteer reserve personnel serving on ADC or FTRS contracts. Sponsored Reserves who provide a more cost effective solution than volunteer reserve are also included in the Army Reserve FR20. Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) and University Officer Cadets and Regular Reservists are excluded.
- The figures are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence - where personnel work isn't necessarily where they live. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location. The Royal Navy/Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the local authority containing the home port of their ship.
- The figures are estimates for Reserves because the stationed location data has not been verified for the Reserve population.
- Figures have been rounded to the nearest 1000. Totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

As to question 2 of your request,

Tables 1 and 2 below show up-to-date numbers for: the total no. of permanent SLA bed spaces available in the UK; and the total no. of occupied bed spaces (UK) as at 26 Feb 20. Please note that despite best efforts to generate a full occupancy snapshot, the report still only has a 78% response rate; therefore, the figures reported here are based on incomplete datasets.

Total Number of Bedspaces Reported					
	Air Command	Army Command	Navy Command	UK Strat Comm	DE&S
SO	735	1,208	566	899	2
JO	2,849	2,730	1,983	1,282	29
S	3,254	4,729	3,263	1,134	79
Z	11,998	22,622	7,963	2,723	319
X	2,182	5,282	3,073	457	0
Y	4,245	6,980	3,448	0	0
OC	699	0	588	0	0
C	1,245	3,871	1,068	286	0
Total	27,207	47,422	21,952	6,781	429

Total Number of Occupied Bedspaces Reported					
	Air Command	Army Command	Navy Command	UK Strat Comm	DE&S
SO	827	899	528	946	2
JO	1,801	2,026	1,555	1,069	20
S	2,566	3,900	2,671	1,008	35
Z	8,567	18,069	6,553	2,248	109
X	1,061	3,639	1,685	436	0
Y	3,288	4,046	2,093	0	0
OC	158	0	592	0	0
C	454	3,104	468	209	0
Total	18,722	35,683	16,145	5,916	166

Types of SLA		
Type	Rank of Occupant	Description
SO	Senior Officer (Major and equivalent) and above	A suite of rooms in the Officers Mess consisting of a sitting room and bedroom with en suite provision (shower, basin & WC)
JO	Junior Officer (Captain and equivalent) and below	A bedroom with en suite provision (shower, basin and WC)
OC	Officer cadet	A bedroom with en suite provision (shower, basin and WC)
C	Candidate	A bedroom with shared ablutions
SO	WO and SNCO	A bedroom with en suite provision (shower, basin and WC)
Z	Other Ranks	A bedroom with en suite provision (shower, basin and WC)
Y	Personnel undergoing Ph 2 training; & Personnel undergoing Ph 3 training, where no Type Z SLA available	Bedspace in 4 person room with shared ablutions
X	Personnel undergoing Ph 1 training; & RN personnel undergoing Ph 1 training	Bedspace in 8 or 12 person rooms with shared ablutions Bedspace in 24 person room with shared ablutions

The data therefore does not include accommodation **designed/built for the purpose** of being used as 'Transit' SLA.

However, our data does include that permanent SLA which is 'spare capacity' and being used as temporary SLA; eg for Service Personnel assigned on a temporary basis to a location (for short courses, etc), or for personnel staying for one or several nights only at a location.

Table 3 below shows the total no. of bed spaces occupied (as at 26 Feb 20), broken down by permanent and temporary occupants. Please note that despite best efforts to generate a full occupancy snapshot, the report still only has a 78% response rate; therefore, the figures reported here are based on incomplete datasets.

Whilst this data does not allow us to differentiate between Full Time and Reservists, our assumption (in very broad terms) is that:

- The 'Permanent Assignments' column will include Full Time personnel (includes Gurkhas and FTRS);
- The 'Temporary Assignments' column may also include Reservists.

TLB	Total Bedspaces	Total Occupied	Permanent Assignments	Temporary Assignments	Vacant
AIR	27,206	18,722	14,284	4,438	8,484
ARMY	47,422	35,683	30,571	5,112	11,739
DE&S	429	166	36	130	263
NAVY	21,952	16,145	11,921	4,224	5,807
UK STRAT COMM	6,781	5,916	4,788	1,128	865
Grand Total	103,790	76,632	61,600	15,032	27,158

Please note that the personnel figures in Tables 1, 2 and 3 include Gurkhas and FTRS.

As to question 3 of your request, we have now completed a search for the information you requested and can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is not held.

There is no definitive list of closures at this time so therefore it's impossible to state what sites may be available. The Defence Estate Optimisation Programme which is an ambitious 25-year portfolio of construction activity, unit and personnel moves, and site disposals that will deliver a better structured, more economical estate that more effectively supports military capability. Any portfolio of this scale covering 25 years, moving 30,000 personnel, over multiple sites and regional boundaries requires continual review.

The sites impacted have changed since officially announced in 2016, so there is no information on what the exact MOD footprint may be by the end.

Therefore, there is also no information held on the SLA point either as we don't know what the requirement will be/ whether existing SLA will be sufficient or new build required.

As to question 4 of your request,

Air - 27

Army - The system used to administer Army White Fleet vehicles does not record this information by military base, but by address. Many of the addresses in the system are within the same garrison or base location where units and sub-units are collocated and therefore it not possible to extract the information requested.

Navy – 71 naval units.

Please note these do not include Strategic Command, Defence Equipment and Support (DES) and Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) bases.

As to question 5 of your request,

Air - 3423 (this includes cars, vans, minibuses, coaches and trailers)

Army - As at 17 Aug 20 the number of vehicles leased to the Army is 7422. This number includes: cars, 4x4, vans, HGVs, trailers and specialist vehicles (for example, road sweepers, tractors and air field support vehicles.

Navy - currently hold 2398 vehicles.

Please note figures provided here are single service estimated and not official defence statistics.

As to question 6 of your request, we are unable to identify the spend per year on electricity for UK Single Living Accommodation blocks as they are not sub metered separately from the bases where they are located.

As to question 7 of your request, the MOD procures its electricity under CCS framework RM6011. The provision of half hourly electricity to the GB estate is provided by EDF Ltd, the provision of non-half hourly electricity to the GB estate is provided by British Gas Business Ltd, and the provision of both half-hourly and non-half hourly electricity to Northern Ireland is provided by Electricity Ireland.

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.gov.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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Yours sincerely,

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