

Ref: FOI2021/06823

13 July 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*“Would you please supply the following information as at 30 Jun 2021:
The number of military personnel in receipt of LOA as at the above date.
If possible the number broken down into service.
The total amount paid out in LOA also at the 30 Jun 2021.”*

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm all information in scope of your request is held. The total number of military personnel in receipt of LOA as at 30 June 2021 is contained at Annex A, with totals broken down into service. However, you should note that service personnel figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias. Totals have been rounded independently and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.

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

Defence Business Services Secretariat

Service	Total Personnel Count as at Jun-21
Army	8,560
Navy	2,620
RAF	2,900
Total	14,070

Total LOA Cost as at Jun-21
£6.88m