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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 May in which you requested the following information:

*"I wonder if you could provide some British Army demographic information in support of my current research study, MODREC ethics approval number 830/MODREC/17.*

*Ideally, I would like the information as of OCT 2019.*

*I do appreciate that some relationship status categories will not be collected for obvious reasons.*

*Living Arrangements n (% of Army)*

*Living alone*

*Living in shared accommodation*

*Weekly commuting*

*Cohabiting in UK*

*Cohabiting overseas*

*On tour / exercise*

*Length of service n (% of Army)*

*<1 year*

*1-5 years*

*6-10 years*

*11-19 years*

*>20 years*

*Relationship Status n (% of Army)*

*Single*

*Married / civil partnership*

*Separated*

*Divorced."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held and is set out in the tables below.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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](mailto: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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Yours sincerely,

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Table 1. Army Trade Trained Regulars by Accommodation Type and Accompanied Status as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019- Estimate

	Total	Accommodation Type <sup>2</sup>				
		Own Accommodation	Service Family Accommodation (SFA)	Single Living Accommodation (SLA)	SFA & SLA	No Information
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,230</b>	<b>12,362</b>	<b>21,379</b>	<b>34,802</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>997</b>
Percentage		18%	30%	50%	1%	1%
<i>Of Which</i>						
Accompanied	26,443	6,282	19,898	133	130	-
Unaccompanied	42,721	6,059	1,467	34,635	560	-
No Information	1,066	21	14	34	-	997
					Source: Analysis (Army)	
					Source: Army SMIC	

Table 2. Army Trade Trained Regulars by Length of Service as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

	Personnel	Percentage
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,230</b>	
<1 year	680	1%
1 year to 5 years, 11 months	21,148	30%
6 years to 10 years, 11 months	16,491	23%
11 years to 19 years, 11 months	21,808	31%
>20 years	10,103	14%
	Source: Analysis (Army)	

Table 3. Army Trade Trained Regulars by Marital Category as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – Estimate

	Personnel	Percentage
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,230</b>	
Married / Civil Partnership <sup>7</sup>	32,957	47%
Separated <sup>8</sup>	4,372	6%
Other <sup>9</sup>	32,901	47%
	Source: Analysis (Army)	

Notes/ Caveats to all tables:

1. The figures are for the Trade Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, Army Reserve and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.
2. Table 1 - Overall numbers have been supplied by Analysis (Army) - The breakdown of figures have been provided by the Army SMIC and are not validated by Analysis (Army). Figures in this table should be considered an estimate. Accompanied / Unaccompanied figures have also been supplied by Army SMIC and should also be considered an estimate.
3. Table 1 - Circa 1% of Values are missing.
4. Table 1 - To be entitled to apply for Service Family Accommodation SFA, service personnel must:
  - Be aged 18 and over
  - Be married or in a civil partnership or who have permanent custody of children
  - Have at least 6 months to serveService personnel who are in an established Long-Term Relationship (LTR(E)) are also eligible to cohabit in surplus SFA, when available. An LTR(E) will be defined by specified criteria and recorded as such on Joint Personnel Administration (JPA).
5. Table 2 - Length of service has been calculated using entry date. There are known problems with the entry date information extracted from JPA which is supposed to reflect their 'current entry date' but if personnel have transferred to the Army from another Service, served under an alternative assignment type (e.g. reserve forces), are re-entrants or have transferred from Other Ranks to Officers, their entry date may correspond to any of these events. The resulting LoS may reflect their current period of service, include previous service, or it may be the time that has elapsed since they first joined the Armed Forces, irrespective of any break in service.
6. Table 3 - Marital Category is as recorded on JPA and relates to entitlement to allowances. It is not necessarily the same as a person's legal marital status and should be considered a proxy / estimate.
7. Table 3 - Those entitled to "Married" allowances are categorised as:
  - Married or in a Registered Civil Partnership
  - Married or in a Registered Civil Partnership to a Service Person
  - Married or in a Registered Civil Partnership to Civil Servant or Individual within recognized Welfare
0. Table 3 - "Separated" includes Separated providing voluntary support and Separated providing support as result of court order.
1. Table 3 - "Other" includes Prime carer and provider for child and all other members of Armed Forces.
2. "-" denotes zero.