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Dear [REDACTED],

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

- “1. Number of Fijian nationals currently serving in the UK Armed Forces.**
a. by service
b. by rank
c. by unit eg: brigade level
d. what % this is of the Commonwealth representation in the UK Armed Forces.
2. Number of Fijian veterans of UK armed forces residing in the UK
This information will assist us with providing support to this community as per our governing documents.”

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 information in scope of your request is held. We do not hold data for part 2 of your request. Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you might find it useful to know that you could approach the ONS, who may hold the data responsible for answering Q2.

As for part 1a, b, c, and d, please see tables attached below.

Table 1: The strength of Trade trained¹ Fijian² UK Regular³ personnel by service, as at 1 Apr 21

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|--------------------------|------|
| All Services | 1750 |
| Royal Navy/Royal Marines | 100 |
| Army | 1640 |
| RAF | 10 |

Table 2: The strength of Trade Trained¹ Fijian² UK Regular³ personnel by NATO Rank⁴, as at 1 Apr 21

| | |
|-----------|------|
| All Ranks | 1750 |
| OF-3 | ~ |
| OF-2 | ~ |
| OR-9 | ~ |
| OR-8 | 40 |
| OR-7 | 80 |
| OR-6 | 160 |
| OR-4 | 320 |
| OR-3 | 270 |
| OR-2 | 880 |

Table 3: The strength of Trade Trained¹ Fijian² UK Regular³ Royal Navy/Royal Marine personnel by Regimental Corp⁵, as at 1 Apr 21

| | |
|---|-----|
| Royal Navy/Royal Marines Regimental Corps Total | 100 |
| RN Engineer GS | 20 |
| RN Engineer SM | ~ |
| RN Logistics GS | 60 |
| RN Logistics SM | ~ |
| RN Medical GS | ~ |
| RN Warfare FAA | ~ |
| RN Warfare GS | ~ |
| Royal Marines GF | 10 |

Table 4: The strength of Trade Trained¹ Fijian² UK Regular³ Army personnel by Arm/Service⁶, as at 1 Apr 21

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Arm Corps Total | 1640 |
| Hcav/RAC | 60 |
| RA | 280 |
| RE | 110 |
| R Signals | 30 |
| Infantry | 640 |
| AAC | 10 |
| RACbD | ~ |
| RLC | 360 |
| RAMC | 10 |
| REME | 80 |
| AGC(SPS) | 40 |
| AGC(PRO) | ~ |
| RADC | ~ |
| QARANC | ~ |

Table 5: The strength of Trade Trained¹ Fijian² UK Regular³ RAF personnel by Branch⁷ and Main Trade⁸, as at 1 Apr 21

| | |
|---|----|
| RAF Officer Branch and Main Trade Total | 10 |
| FO | ~ |
| Gen Eng Tech Gen Tech (WS) | ~ |
| Gunner | ~ |
| Logistics (Chef) - 19 | ~ |
| Logistics (Mover) - 18 | ~ |
| Logistics (Supplier) - 18 | ~ |
| Logs (AGS) | ~ |
| RAF Medic - 15 | ~ |
| Personnel (Training) | ~ |

38.1% of Commonwealth Trade Trained Personnel were Fijian.

Notes/Caveats:

1. Trade trained strength comprises military personnel who have completed both Phase 1 and 2 training for Royal Navy/Royal Marines, the Army, and the Royal Air Force.
2. Citizen of Fiji, as reported in the JPA Nationality Field. Nationality is a non-mandatory field; therefore it is as currently recorded and not necessarily the same as at birth or when recruited. Therefore, Citizen of Fiji personnel who have changed nationality (for example naturalised to a British Citizen) may or may not have updated their JPA record.
3. UK Regulars comprise Full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, but excluding Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), High Readiness Reserve (HRR) and Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) personnel.
4. NATO Rank figures are based on individuals paid rank.
5. There are no Fijian Officers in the Royal Navy/Royal Marines.
6. Arm/Service as defined in JPA as Arm Corp 1st field.
7. RAF Officer Branch, a professional functional sub-division which can be further divided into Specialisation.
8. RAF Main Trade relates to the skill, function and/or output a Service Person in the Other Ranks is trained to perform, and therefore can relate to the role or position a Service Person in the Other Ranks currently fills and/or performs.

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 in line with disclosure control policy. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid bias, 5 or fewer is represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'

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Yours sincerely,

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