Reference: **FOI2021/13523**

Date: **30/11/2021**

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 6th November requesting the following information:

> "Could you please provide the following information.How many Afro Caribbean or Asians are currently serving in the following ranks A) ColonelB) Brigidier C) Major General D)Lieutenant General and General's.Further,the equivalent ranks in the RN 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.

Table 1: The strength of UK Regulars[1], who were of NATO rank[2] OF-5 and above, and are of Asian or Black Caribbean ethnicity[3], by service, as at 1 July 2021.

All Services	~
Royal Navy/Marines	-
Army	~
RAF	-

Notes/caveats:
1. 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. Unless otherwise stated, includes trained and untrained personnel.
2. Figures are based on individuals paid rank.
3. Ethnic type as self-declared in JPA. Unknown includes those with an unrecorded ethnic type, and those who chose not to declare. For this FOI the following ethnicities were selected for: Any Chinese Background, Asian Bangladeshi, Asian Indian, Asian Pakistani, Black Caribbean, Other Asian Background.
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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