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Date: **11/11/2021**

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 30/09/2021 requesting the following information:

*"I am looking for statistical data on female military personnel deployed by the UK armed forces during the ISAF mission between 2008 and 2014. I would really appreciate your help in finding this information."*

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 all information in scope of your request is held.

**Number of Unique Female UK Armed Forces Personnel deployments on Operation HERRICK with Date of Deployment between 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2014:**

	<b>Date of Deployment between 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2014</b>
<b>Number of Unique Female UK Armed Forces Personnel Deployments on Operation HERRICK</b>	<b>9 420</b>

**Notes/Caveats**

1. Deployment data is derived from the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) `Move and Track` system.
2. `UK Armed Forces Personnel` includes UK Regular Forces, Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) personnel and mobilised reservists.
3. Deployed personnel are Military personnel who are deployed on Operations. The database records all personnel who enter a deployment theatre for over 24hrs. Each individual has a new record for each change in deployed unit, location, operation or date.
4. Totals do not include repeat tours and each individual is only recorded once per time period.
5. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, with figures of 5 or below denoted by
6. The deployment figures above relate to all those individuals deployed on Operation HERRICK.
7. Operation HERRICK is the name associated to all British operations in Afghanistan. Operation HERRICK also encompasses the whole of the Joint Operation Area in the region so personnel

deployed to this operation do not have to be solely deployed within Afghanistan. Not all supporting operational posts are geographically located within Afghanistan. Operation HERRICK consists of the British contribution to the Nato-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and support to the US-led Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

8. Unique personnel deployed on Operation Herrick refers to how many Service personnel can say they have been deployed on Operation Herrick. A member of Service personnel deployed multiple times would be counted as 1 unique individual deployed.
9. The Date of Deployment is the 'deployed date in' as recorded on JPA 'Move and Track' system. This is the date personnel deployed into the respective count.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR. In line with JSP200 Statistics Disclosure Guidance, numbers fewer than five have been suppressed to reduce the possible inadvertent disclosure of individual identities; secondary suppression has been applied so numbers cannot be derived. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

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Yours sincerely,

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