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Mr [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

*"I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.*

*Please send me:*

- 1. I request information concerning total numbers of Northern Ireland Security Guard Service staff that have been approved for and completed permanent transfer to different working locations / duty stations / workplaces from the period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 through to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.***
- 2. I request information concerning total numbers of Ministry of Defence staff in 38 Irish Brigade that have been approved for and completed permanent transfer to different working locations / duty stations/workplaces from the period commencing 1st April 2017 through to 31st December 2021.***

*I would like the above information to be provided to me as electronic copies via email.*

*If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.*

*If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.*

*I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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.

1. The number of individuals employed within the Northern Ireland Security Guard Service who permanently transferred from one location to another during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2021 **is 70\***.

\*There is no specific grade for individuals in the NISGS (they were all in broader banded E1-C2 grades during this period). Results are therefore based on individuals employed within the Security Job Family and in one of the following departments:

NISGS HQ  
NISGS LISBURN DET  
NISGS HOLYWOOD DET  
NISGS KINNEGAR DET  
NISGS BALLYKINLER DET  
NISGS ALDERGROVE DET  
NISGS COLERAINE DET  
NISGS MTC DET  
NISGS QUOTC DET  
NISGS ENNISKILLEN DET

There are individuals employed within these units as drivers and in corporate support roles, but these have not been included as they will not be directly employed as Security Guards.

Permanent transfers have been deemed to be instances where an individual changes HRMS job location and the reason for that change is not on a temporary basis (e.g. Temporary Managed Progression).

As the questions here are about 'total numbers' of staff rather than number of occasions where transfers have occurred, if a single individual has changed locations more than once in period, they are still only counted once.

2. The number of individuals employed within 38 Irish Brigade who permanently transferred from one location to another during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2021 **is 105\***.

\*Results are based on individuals employed at one of the following departments that has been confirmed to represent 38 Irish Brigade by Susan Donaghy, FOI Disclosure Manager from Northern Ireland:

38(IRISH)X-RPOC  
NI OPS GROUP  
UDR & R IRISH AFTERCARE SERVICE HQ  
UDR & R IRISH AFTERCARE SERVICE - COLERAINE  
UDR & R IRISH AFTERCARE SERVICE - ENNISKILLEN  
UDR & R IRISH AFTERCARE SERVICE - PORTADOWN  
NISGS HQ  
NISGS LISBURN DET  
NISGS HOLYWOOD DET  
NISGS KINNEGAR DET  
NISGS BALLYKINLER DET  
NISGS ALDERGROVE DET  
NISGS COLERAINE DET  
NISGS MTC DET  
NISGS QUOTC DET  
NISGS ENNISKILLEN DET  
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Permanent transfers have been deemed to be instances where an individual changes HRMS job location and the reason for that change is not on a temporary basis (e.g. Temporary Managed Progression).

The question asks about 'total numbers of Ministry of Defence staff' rather than number of occasions where transfers have occurred, so if a single individual has changed locations more than once in period, they are still only counted once.

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](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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