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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 November 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

I would like to know how many Albanians currently serve in the British Armed Forces

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 that all information in scope of your request is held.

A search of the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system confirmed that as of 1 July 2022, there were no personnel with a nationality of 'Albanian'. It may help to note that nationality is a self-declared field on JPA and may differ from nationality at birth. Additionally, there were around ten personnel with an unknown nationality, as of 1 July 2022.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) you might be interested to know that some information on the nationality rules for joining the Armed Forces can be found at the link below:

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-8625/CBP-8625.pdf>

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). 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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