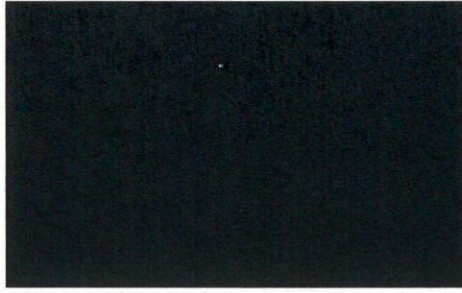




Ministry
of Defence



FOI2020/10787

E-mail: Navysec-foimailbox@mod.gov.uk



21 October 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 September 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'Please could I request Royal Navy diversity data under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am hoping to research the number of men and women in senior positions within the Royal Navy.

Specifically, I would like to request the following data for the years 2018-2019:

- Number of Admiral of the Fleet split by gender.
- Number of Admirals in the Royal Navy split by gender.
- Number of Vice-Admirals in the Royal Navy split by gender.
- Number of Rear-Admirals in the Royal Navy split by gender.
- Number of Commodores in the Royal Navy split by gender.
- Number of Captains in the Royal Navy split by gender.
- Number of Commanders in the Royal Navy split by gender.
- Number of Lieutenant-Commanders in the Royal Navy split by gender.

- Number of Lieutenants in the Royal Navy split by gender.

I only require information regarding the Royal Navy.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held which can be found at Annex A to this letter.

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). 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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Strength of Regular Royal Navy Officers at OF-2 and above, by Paid Rank and Gender, as at 1 April 2018 and 1 April 2019:

Paid Rank	Gender	01-Apr-18	01-Apr-19
OF-9 Admiral	Female	-	-
	Male	1	1
OF-8 Vice- Admiral	Female	-	-
	Male	8	8
OF-7 Rear-Admiral	Female	-	-
	Male	25	26
OF-6 Commodore	Female	1	3
	Male	69	67
OF-5 Captain	Female	10	10
	Male	220	220
OF-4 Commander	Female	80	90
	Male	820	840
OF-3 Lt-Commander	Female	220	230
	Male	1520	1490
OF-2 Lieutenant	Female	280	280
	Male	1650	1710

Source: Analysis (Navy)

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 in line with disclosure control policy.
2. Strengths for Senior Officers (OF-6 to OF-9) have been left unrounded because statistics for these personnel are considered non-sensitive and are already in the public domain.
3. The rank Admiral of the Fleet is not included in the table above as it is not in use.
4. Figures exclude Royal Marine personnel.

