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Dear

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 28 January 2021, in which you requested the following information:

- "How many Maritime Reservists (RNR and RMR) are currently working part-time in UK Strategic Command units?
- How many are members of the Part-Time Volunteer Maritime Reserves?
- How many are employed on other terms broken down into Volunteer ex-Regular Reserves Service (VeRRS) or Additional Duties Contracts (ADCs) as part of the Royal Fleet Reserve and other categories?"

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.

Taking your questions in order, in response to part one of your request, I can advise that forty-one Maritime Reservists (Royal Navy Reserve and Royal Marine Reserve) personnel are currently working part-time in UK Strategic Command units.

In response to part two of your request, I can advise that there are thirty-seven are members of the Part-Time Volunteer Maritime Reserves.

In response to part three of your request regarding the number of personnel who are employed on other terms, I can confirm that there are less than five personnel employed on Volunteer ex-Regular Reserves Service or Additional Duties Contracts. We're unable to provide you with a further breakdown owing to the low numbers involved as individuals could be identified which would put the Department in breach of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 2018 when handling personal data. Section 40(2) of the FOI Act applies to personal data relating to third parties and figures have been suppressed to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of third-party information.

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Yours sincerely

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