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Date: **27/02/24**

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 09/02/24 requesting the following information:

“Please disclose the gender breakdown of the Defence Office by department each year since 2010.”

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. Under section 21 (information accessible by other means), a Gender breakdown of the number of UK Regular Forces Service Personnel by Service is in the public domain, published as an Accredited Official Statistic in the Biannual Diversity Statistics publication. The latest statistical release which presents data from 2012 - 2023 can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-biannual-diversity-statistics-october-2023>

The relevant table is Table 1, of the MS Excel or Open Document Spreadsheet using the link provided. Table 1 provides data on the numbers of UK Regular military personnel by Service and Gender. Data from 2010 - 2011 can be found in the MS Excel data sheet attached in our email response.

Data for Civilian personnel element of this FOI request can be found in the MS Excel data sheet attached in our email response. Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to note that a wider range of published analysis of MOD Civilian personnel statistics can be found at the publication links below, hosted on GOV.UK:

[MOD biannual civilian personnel statistics: index](#)

[MOD diversity dashboard: index](#)

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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