



Ministry  
of Defence

Army Secretariat  
Army Headquarters  
IDL 24 Blenheim Building  
Marlborough Lines  
Andover  
Hampshire, SP11 8HJ  
United Kingdom

Ref: FOI2014/04111/73493

E-mail: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xx

Website: www.army.mod.uk

Mr Matthew Beebee

E-mail address: request-223353-  
xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

02 September 2014

*Dear Mr Beebee,*

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2014 where you requested information about the actual strength level of the trained Reserve Army personnel between 2008-2013 as well as the levels that were required for these years.

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

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds part of this information. Due to issues of data quality surrounding Army Reserve (formerly the Territorial Army (TA)) data, we cannot produce a Trained/Untrained split for the Army Reserve for any time before April 2012. For time periods before April 2012 we can provide all up figures (trained and untrained).

The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain:

The latest TSP7

([https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/314795/uk\\_reserve\\_force\\_cadets\\_2014.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/314795/uk_reserve_force_cadets_2014.pdf)) has trained Army Reserve figures based upon FR20 populations (page 6 Table A) from April 2012 to April 2014.

It also has trained and untrained combined figures for Army Reserve populations covering 2010 to 2014 (page 13 Table 3), and the April 2010 edition of TSP7

([https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/280389/2010-revised.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/280389/2010-revised.pdf)) has trained and untrained combined figures for Army Reserve populations covering 2008 to 2010 (page 7 Table 3).

With regard to the numbers required, prior to the requirement set to have 30,000 trained Reservists by April 2019 under Army 2020, there was no requirement figure. However there was a total liability (trained and untrained) of 36,500 for the TA.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

*Yours sincerely,*

Army Secretariat