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FOI2020/13567 and various requests

Mr Justin Zacchi

Via email to 20 'WhatDoTheyKnow.com' email addresses

17th February 2021

Dear Mr Zacchi

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INTERNAL REVIEW

1. I am writing in response to your email of 12 December 2020 in which you requested an internal review of the handling of your request titled 'Royal Corps of Signals information' which was made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') and is available on the WhatDoTheyKnow (WDTK) website. Your email stated that you were not '*working with anyone else with regard to my interest in the RCS*'. The purpose of the internal review is to consider whether the requirements of the Act have been fulfilled, and its scope is defined by Part 5 of the Code of Practice¹ under section 45 of the Act.

Handling

2. In conducting my review of the handling of your requests, I have focussed on the following requirements of the Act:

- a. Section 1(1)(a) which, subject to certain exclusions, gives any person making a request for information to a public authority the entitlement to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request;
- b. Section 1(1)(b) which, subject to certain exemptions, creates an entitlement to receive the information held by the public authority;
- c. Section 10(1) which states that, subject to certain provisions allowing extensions of time, the public authority must comply with the requirements of Section 1(1) promptly, and in any event not later than the twentieth working day following the date of receipt;
- d. Section 12(1) which states that section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit;

¹ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/744071/CoP_FOI_Code_of_Practice_-_Minor_Amendments_20180926_.pdf

- e. Section 12(4) which states that where two or more requests for information made to the public authority by one person or by different persons acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them; and
 - f. Section 16(1) where it is the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, request for information to it.
3. Your request of 9 December 2020² was received on the same day and was worded as follows:

'1) Is 8 Engineer Brigade's CIS Troop part of the Royal Engineers or Royal Signals, and could you provide their current location

2) Does 38th (Irish) Brigade and the SIG have a separate signal troop, or just RCS personnel attached to their HQ?

3) Could you clarify the following; is 13 Signal Regiment due to move to 1 ISR Bde in the future? Or will it remain under 1 Signal Brigade? According to this FOI(A): Army/Sec/21/02/FOI2019/06365, 13 Signal Regiment was due to come under 1 ISR Bde.

4) Could you advise if the ARRC Military Police Battalion is still active, and could you confirm this battalion is under 1 (UK) Signal Bde?'

4. In accordance with section 10(1) of the Act, a substantive response to your request was provided promptly on 10 December 2020. However, you were advised that MOD had received 15 requests from you on the subject of 'organisations and locations' in the last 60 working days. You were informed that 4 similar requests which had also been received in that timeframe were known or suspected to have come from individuals with whom you were working 'in concert'. A list of the requests was provided. Section 12(4) was applied to refuse your request, and all others listed within the response. You were advised that any future requests on the same subject could also be aggregated if they were received within 60 working days.

5. In addition, you were advised that the Department is permitted to regard the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them for the purpose of considering whether compliance would exceed the appropriate limit. Some advice was provided under section 16 to explain that it was likely that any further requests on this subject may be exempt under section 26 (defence) of the Act. The right of appeal was correctly provided.

6. In summary, your request was handled in accordance with the statutory timeliness requirements under section 10(1) of the Act.

7. Some further correspondence and annotations were added to some of your requests on the WDTK website. I have not repeated these in full, but I have included notes as appropriate in the Annexes.

Substance

8. My review has confirmed that you have raised a series of requests to the MOD in a relatively short period of time on a specific topic. For ease, I have reproduced these requests at the Annexes to this review. I have, therefore, concentrated on the Department's application of section 12(4) of the Act to refuse to process your requests.

² https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/royal_corps_of_signals_informati

Use of section 12(4) (aggregation of related requests and acting in concert)

9. The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004³ prescribe the circumstances in which requests may be aggregated for the purposes of section 12 (exceeding the cost of compliance) of the Act and state that two or more requests to one public authority can be aggregated for the purposes of calculating costs if they:

- (a) are by one person, or
- (b) are different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign;
- (c) relate, to any extent, to the same or similar information; and
- (d) are received by the public authority within any period of sixty consecutive working days.

10. For (a), I am satisfied that the requests listed at the Annexes were submitted by one person, namely yourself, and so the first criterion is met.

11. For (c) above, I can advise that this criterion allows for the aggregation of requests where they relate “to any extent” to the “same or similar information”, which is a wide test. The Information Commissioner has stated that requests will be similar where there is an overarching theme or common thread running between them in terms of the nature of the information requested⁴. I am satisfied that all of your requests contain the common thread of information about **‘MOD’s organisational structure including locations, roles and appointments’**.

12. For (d), I am satisfied that 15 requests which were listed in the Army’s response were received from you in a period of 60 consecutive working days. These are listed again at Annex A (Nos 1-15). The Department is allowed to take into account requests that were received 60 days backwards from the date of receipt of your request. The Department was, therefore, entitled to consider all your requests received between 15 September and 9 December when aggregating. I have, therefore, included one further request (No. 16) that could also have been included for aggregation purposes. It should also be noted that to process requests where the response sought your identity could also be aggregated as they were received within the same period and on the same or similar subject.

13. Furthermore, the ICO’s guidance indicates that the aggregation period can run up to 20 days ‘forward’ from the date of any single request and 40 days backwards. The total aggregation period, (running either forwards or backwards or a combination of both) from the date of any single request must not exceed 60 working days.

14. For (b) above, I note that under section 8(1)(b)⁵, MOD has previously found it necessary to enquire about your identity which is permitted where there is any doubt that a real name has not been stated when a request for information is submitted. The ICO’s guidance also states that *‘a requester’s true identity can be relevant i.e. where an authority is considering aggregating the cost of requests or refusing a request as vexatious or repeated’*.

15. Requests 18-20 as listed at Annex A are those for which you were asked to supply identification. I note that you provided your identification on 3 November 2020, which then allowed the Department to continue to process your requests.

³ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3244/introduction/made>

⁴ https://ico.org.uk/media/1199/costs_of_compliance_exceeds_appropriate_limit.pdf

⁵ Information Rights letter dated 2 November 2020 - FOI2020/12052, FOI2020/12053 and FOI2020/12100

16. In this case, I have heeded the advice of officials within the Department who have provided strong evidence, such as similarities between requests and those purporting to be from other individuals, to support the view that you could be acting in concert with other requesters or in pursuance of a campaign. However, I find that there is currently no conclusive proof to indicate that you are collaborating with others on this subject matter. MOD will, however, continue to monitor the situation. Should more compelling evidence of collaboration be identified, MOD will reconsider its position with regard to any future requests.

17. Taking all these factors into consideration, I am satisfied that your requests fully meet the criteria for aggregation as outlined at (a), (c) and (d) above and the Department is able to aggregate the requests in accordance with section 12(4) of the Act and the associated regulations, as they all relate to the overarching theme or common thread which concern 'MOD's organisational structure including locations, roles and appointments'.

18. I will now consider whether compliance with any of the requests would exceed the cost limit and whether section 12(1) applies.

Section 12(1) (exceeding the appropriate cost limit)

19. Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with it exceeds the appropriate limit which for Central Government departments is set at £600. This represents the cost of one person spending 3.5 working days or 24 hours of staff effort in determining whether MOD holds information in the scope of a request, and then to locate, retrieve and extract it.

20. In other words, where a public authority has estimated that a request (or aggregated requests) will exceed the cost limit, it is not obliged to carry out any searches for relevant information meeting the description of a request. For the exemption at section 12(1) to be correctly applied to all your requests, it is necessary for the cost of compliance in handling one or more of the requests to exceed the appropriate limit.

21. I can confirm that the section 12 activities conducted to process your requests have not individually exceeded the appropriate cost limit. However, the staff effort involved in responding to each of your requests has varied from 1.5 to 14 hours. For example, I can advise that the estimated staff effort involved in locating, retrieving and extracting the information that meets the description of the first three requests listed in Annex A collectively would exceed the cost limit and section 12 applies.

22. The Department is, therefore, permitted to regard the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them for the purpose of considering whether compliance would exceed the appropriate limit.

Section 16 (advice and assistance)

23. Under section 16 of the Act, it is the duty of a public authority to help persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information.

24. In cases where requests have been aggregated, it is normal practice to advise the requester on how they might refine or reduce their request. I note that the Army Secretariat did inform you that you should refine your request but did not provide any specific advice on how you may do this.

25. In cases similar to yours, where an individual has submitted multiple, overlapping requests to the Department on the same or similar topic, the requester would normally be advised to select one of the requests which had been refused following aggregation under section 12(4) to be processed as a refined request.

26. However, I note that you raised further requests (numbers 1-11 listed at Annex B) after the Army's response of 10 December was issued. One of these requests, received by MOD on 24 December 2020, was logged as a fresh request under FOI2020/13983. It sought information about the structure of the RAF Regiment and a response was issued by Air Command, on behalf of MOD on 7 January 2021.

27. A second request (reference FOI2020/13568)⁶, submitted on 9 December, sought information on the structure of the RAF Cadet organisation. On 24 December, your email stated that you had 'Found the information'. On the same day, the Information Rights team asked you to confirm if you wished to withdraw this request or for MOD to continue to process it. MOD did not receive any confirmation, but I note that it appears that the status of the request on WDTK had been updated to reflect that it had been withdrawn. However, it should be noted that any annotations or request status updates on the WDTK website are not received by a public authority. This request was, therefore, processed by Air Command and a response was provided on 12 January 2021. I find that this request could have been aggregated in the Army's response. It was eventually included in the list of those aggregated under section 12(4) in the refusal notice issued by Navy Command on 12 January 2021.

28. As these requests were fulfilled after the issue of the Army's refusal notice, I find that it is reasonable for them to have been treated as new refined requests for further processing within the cost limit. I have, therefore, concluded that MOD is unable to offer any further refinements.

29. In order for the Department to manage the administrative burden of numerous requests being received from you on the same or similar subject, MOD would be within its rights to aggregate any further new requests. Consequently, the Department would not be obliged to comply under the section 12(4) provisions as explained in this review. As noted previously, the total aggregation period (running either forwards or backwards or a combination of both) from the date of any single request must not exceed 60 working days.

30. I note that you submitted two new requests that were received on 25 January 2021 (logged under FOI2021/00781 and FOI2021/00779) and a further one which was received on 12 February 2021 (logged under FOI2021/01662). These requests are listed at Annex B. It should be noted that MOD is allowed to aggregate these requests under section 12(4) with the previous ones that relate to the same or similar subject and have been received within 60 consecutive days. Therefore, they will not be processed at this time and will be closed with this review.

31. It has been estimated that the date at which you will be able to submit a request on the topic of '**MOD's organisational structure including locations, roles and appointments**' without any possibility of the effort of processing it to be aggregated with the handling of any other requests that you have submitted to the department would be 24 March 2021. This represents 60 working days since the receipt of the last request (i.e. 24 December 2020) which has been formally processed under the Act.

32. It should be noted that all requests that are currently open as listed at the Annexes will be closed as part of this review.

Information requests framed as questions

33. Some of your requests have been raised in the form of questions. Information requests framed as questions pose particular processing difficulties under the Act, because the scope is limited to an entitlement to recorded information held by a public authority at the time the request is received. Although the Act does not specifically state that the "held" information will be restricted to "recorded" information, the Information Commissioner has confirmed that the information "held at the time the request is made" will be limited to "recorded information".

⁶ https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/raf_cadet_wings

MOD is also not obliged to create or compile information in the form of a list to answer your questions or give a judgement or opinion in response to hypothetical questions.

Requests for information that has already been published

34. I note that several of your requests appear to ask the Department to provide you with links to information that may already have been published. I also note that you have raised requests and then withdrawn them because you have found the information through other means before they could be processed in full. This behaviour presents an administrative burden across several business units within the Department. I would encourage you to attempt to conduct your own searches for the relevant information on the gov.uk and Armed Forces⁷ websites etc, prior to making a request for recorded information to the Department.

35. Where information has already been published and could be found easily (for example through a simple internet search) MOD could rely on the absolute exemption at section 21 (information reasonably accessible to the application by other means). Furthermore, in cases where information that has been requested is intended for future publication, the qualified exemption at section 22 may be applied to withhold it.

36. As this review has found that the application of section 12(4) is appropriate, I have not considered whether section 26 (defence) applies. I can, however, advise that should future requests on this subject be received, MOD will consider the use of substantive exemptions, where appropriate.

37. Finally, while I have not formally reviewed the refusal notice, aggregating your requests dated 15 December 2020, issued by Navy Command on 12 January 2021, I note that the requests were for similar information and received within 60 consecutive days, and so do meet the criteria for aggregation under section 12(4).

Conclusion

38. In summary:

- a. Your request was handled in accordance with the statutory timeliness requirements under section 10(1) of the Act.
- b. The Department is justified in aggregating your requests under section 12(4) which fully meet the criteria for aggregation as explained in this review. All your requests relate to the overarching theme about 'MOD's organisational structure including locations, roles and appointments'.
- c. The cost of dealing with your requests received during any 60 consecutive working day period can be aggregated if they would exceed the cost limit of £600 and section 12(4) applies because the cost of dealing with two or more requests is considered to be the cost of dealing with all of them for the purposes of applying section 12.
- d. There is currently no conclusive proof or sufficient evidence to indicate that you are collaborating with others on this subject matter, but MOD will continue to monitor the situation.
- e. As explained, it has been estimated that the date at which you will be able to submit a request on the topic of '**MOD's organisational structure including locations, roles and appointments**' without any possibility of the effort of processing it to be aggregated with the handling of any other requests would be 24 March 2021.

⁷ <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence> | <https://data.gov.uk/> | <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/> | <https://www.army.mod.uk/> | <https://www.raf.mod.uk/>

- f. Under the provisions at section 12(4) of the Act, the Department is not obliged to respond to any new requests for information about 'MOD's organisational structure including locations, roles and appointments' which are received within any 60 consecutive working days where doing so would exceed the appropriate cost limit.
- g. I have provided advice and assistance under section 16 of the Act. MOD has processed your requests of 9 December (FOI2020/13568) and 24 December 2020 (FOI2020/13983) and I am, therefore, unable to offer any further refinements.

If you are dissatisfied with the review, you may wish to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Act. Further details of the role and powers of the Commissioner can be found on the website at: <https://ico.org.uk>. The address is: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe house, Water Lane, WILMSLOW, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,



Sandra Gardiner

Requests Received from Mr Justin Zacchi between 15 September to 9 December 2020

NB: Requests at no. 1-15 aggregated under section 12(4) in Army Secretariat's response of 10 December 2020

No	Date request received	MOD Reference	Request details and WDTK web link	Team	Status / Comments
1	9 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13567 (Subject to review)	<p>1) Is 8 Engineer Brigade's CIS Troop part of the Royal Engineers or Royal Signals, and could you provide their current location</p> <p>2) Does 38th (Irish) Brigade and the SIG have a separate signal troop, or just RCS personnel attached to their HQ?</p> <p>3) Could you clarify the following; is 13 Signal Regiment due to move to 1 ISR Bde in the future? Or will it remain under 1 Signal Brigade? According to this FOI(A): Army/Sec/21/02/FOI2019/06365, 13 Signal Regiment was due to come under 1 ISR Bde.</p> <p>4) Could you advise if the ARRC Military Police Battalion is still active, and could you confirm this battalion is under 1 (UK) Signal Bde?</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/royal_corps_of_signals_informati</p>	Army Sec	<p>S12(4) applied in Army Secretariat's response dated 10 Dec 2020 to Requests 1-15 in Annex A</p> <p>Some further correspondence is available at the WDTK links provided</p>
2	4 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13375	<p>Could you provide a list/document which shows all current army Garrisons/Stations/Camps?</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/garrisons#incoming-1689955</p>	Army Sec	S12(4)
3	3 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13350	<p>Could you advise which 1* (or 2* if applicable) each of the below units are:</p> <p>1) Currently subordinated to and 2) their future (if changing) future command.</p> <p>1) KRH 2) HCR 3) RL (Royal Lancers) 4) RDG 5) RWY 6) 1 SCOTS GDS 7) 1 SCOTS 8) 4 SCOTS 9) 2 LANCS 10) 1 YORKS 11) 3 RIFLES 12) 103 REME</p>	Army Sec	<p>S12(4)</p> <p>After the Army's response, your email of 11 Dec 2020 stated that you 'Already have this information' and you appear to have 'withdrawn' the request on WDTK</p>

			13) 104 REME 14) 105 REME https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/current_subordination		
4	30 Nov 2020	FOI2020/13128	I'm unsure if this information is available, but if not could you provide a list or advise which barracks form part of Catterick Garrison. Also, if you could advise which units they are used by (if allowed). I understand for security reasons some information can't be provided, so if there is somewhere this information has already been listed/provided and can be given to me, that would be great too! https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/catterick_garrison	Army Sec	S12(4)
5	30 Nov 2020	FOI2020/13126	1) Could you provide either a list (or url where this information is available) for the current units based in (including any moving out/into Scotland) by the end of the year. 2) Could you also advise if the following units have moved/changed their command (command as in what they report to): 2a) 1 MERCIAN (due to move to Weeton Barracks and swap with 2 YORKS?) 2b) 2 YORKS (my understanding is they are due to move to Cyprus later this month and swap with 1 MERCIAN) 2c) 1 PWRR 2d) 1 YORKS (my understanding is they've just moved to Catterick?) 2e) 1 R ANGLIAN 2d) Royal Dragoon Guards (my understanding is they have just moved to Warminster?) https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/army_in_scotland	Army Sec	S12(4) After the Army's response, your email of 11 Dec 2020, stated that you 'Already have this information' and you appear to have 'withdrawn' the request on WDTK
6	30 Nov 2020	FOI2020/13123	Could you provide either a list (or url/pdf) which provides a list of the current sites used/owned by the Ministry of Defence within Scotland. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/cy/request/ministry_of_defence_locations_in	Army Sec	S12(4)
7	30 Nov 2020	FOI2020/13110	Could you advise the recruiting areas (if assigned one) for each of the regular regiments of the Royal Armoured Corps? I'm aware the Yeomanry are regional, therefore I'm asking for only the regulars. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/royal_armoured_corps_recruiting	Army Sec	S12(4) After the Army's response, your email of 11 Dec 2020 stated that you 'Already have this information' and you appear to have 'withdrawn' the request on WDTK
8	26 Nov 2020	FOI2020/13033	Could you advise or provide a document/link for the currently location of Corps HQs for the British Army (ie: Royal Engineers, RLC, REME)? (previous request related: Army/Sec/Basing/FOI2020/12143) https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/corps_headquarters#outgoing-1087460	Army Sec	S12(4)
9	26 Nov 2020	FOI2020/13032	Could you advise or provide a document/link for the currently location of RHQs for the Royal Armoured Corps? (previous request related: Army/Sec/Basing/FOI2020/12143) https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/armoured_rhq	Army Sec	S12(4)

10	16 Nov 2020	FOI2020/12534	<p>Can you advise if any units have changed/moved since OrBat request in November 2018, provided here: https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2018-11-22/194616</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/basing_changes#outgoing-1083223</p>	Army Sec	S12(4)
11	16 Nov 2020	FOI2020/12523	<p>Could you advise the status of the new "Strike" ISTAR companies? In a post from 3 RIFLES, an "ISTAR Company" was deploying as part of training for the new Strike concept. Can you confirm this, or expand on what I might be getting confused with something else here. Link to my reference: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/istar</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/istar#outgoing-1090525</p>	Army Sec	<p>S12(4)</p> <p>Your email of 4 Dec 2020 stated, 'Wouldn't receive the information'. It may have been marked as withdrawn on WDTK but MOD did not receive an email which confirmed that the request had been withdrawn.</p>
12	6 Nov 2020	FOI2020/12286	<p>Clarification: I can advise by "numbers" I mean like 43 AEC or 41 AEC, etc. And by "subordination", yes I'm referring to their higher organisation.</p> <p>Original: Could you advise the following (or information is available elsewhere a link would work too): 1) The current AECs (Army Education Centres) and their numbers 2) Those AECs above, their location and their subordination (if allowed to disclose this information)</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/current_aecs</p>	Army Sec	<p>S12(4)</p> <p>Closed Request was clarified under FOI FOI2020/12113 and then under this reference was answered on 7 Dec 2020</p>
13	3 Nov 2020	FOI2020/12143	<p>Could you advise or provide a document/link for the current dislocation of RHQs for the British Army's Infantry Branch?</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/infantry_hq#incoming-1681445</p>	Army Sec	<p>S12(4)</p> <p>Closed Proof of ID provided. Response dated 25 Nov 2020</p>
14	3 Nov 2020	FOI2020/12141	<p>Hello, as far as I'm aware after Army 2020 there are 4 Army Training Units (ATUs), ATU North based in Strensall (detachment in Altcar, former NW ATU), ATU Northern Ireland in Ballykinler, ATU Scotland in Edinburgh, and ATU West in Exeter with a Wales detachment in Cardiff.</p> <p>So, my questions is; 1) Can you advise of these ATUs still exist or have been disbanded. 2) What are the roles of ATUs and which command/units are they placed under themselves 3) Have any changes occurred since Army 2020 in relation to the ATUs</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/army_training_units_atu#outgoing-1078588</p>	Army Sec	<p>S12(4)</p> <p>Closed Response dated 27 Nov 2020</p>

15	3 Nov 2020	FOI2020/12147	<p>Could you advise (for all services or MoD services) the units/commands (or links where I could find this information) for the current overseas postings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) British Forces Gibraltar 2) British Forces South Atlantic Islands 3) British Forces Cyprus 4) British Forces Belize 5) British Forces Brunei 6) British Forces British Indian Ocean Territories 7) British Army Training Unit Suffield 8) British Army Training Unit Kenya 9) British Army Training and Support Unit Belize 10) Kabul Protection Unit 11) NATO Enhanced Forward Presence (if any permanent deployed units) <p>I understand as per protection, some of this information might be exempt, so in that cause you could re-direct me to where I might be able to find some of this information?</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/british_forces_overseas</p>	UK StratCom HQ	S12(4) Closed Response dated 23 Nov 2020
16	16 Nov 2020	FOI2020/12599	<p>Could you advise which units (since OP Toral started) have deployed on operations, and what time-frame. I have not been able to find any information on this, but if there are other links available that would be greatfull also!</p> <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/operational_toral</p>	Permanent Joint HQ	This request could have been aggregated under s12(4) Closed - Response dated 11 Dec 2020
17	31 Oct 2020	FOI2020/12113	<p>Could you advise the following (or information is available elsewhere a link would work too):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The current AECs (Army Education Centres) and their numbers 2) Those AECs above, their location and their subordination (if allowed to disclose this information) <p>https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/current_aecs</p>	Army Sec	Closed Response dated 6 Nov 2020 (This was clarified: FOI2020/12286)

Requests – ID requested and received					
18	2 Nov 2020	FOI2020/12100	Could you advise or provide a document/link for the current dislocation of RHQs for the British Army's Infantry Branch?	Army Sec	Information Rights letter dated 2 Nov 2020 – ID requested
19	29 Oct 2020	FOI2020/12053	<p>Could you advise (for all services or MoD services) the units/commands (or links where I could find this information) for the current overseas postings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) British Forces Gibraltar 2) British Forces South Atlantic Islands 3) British Forces Cyprus 4) British Forces Belize 5) British Forces Brunei 6) British Forces British Indian Ocean Territories 7) British Army Training Unit Suffield 8) British Army Training Unit Kenya 9) British Army Training and Support Unit Belize 10) Kabul Protection Unit 11) NATO Enhanced Forward Presence (if any permanent deployed units) <p>I understand as per protection, some of this information might be exempt, so in that cause you could re-direct me to where I might be able to find some of this information?</p>	UK StratCom HQ	
20	29 Oct 2020	FOI2020/12052	<p>Hello, as far as I'm aware after Army 2020 there are 4 Army Training Units (ATUs), ATU North based in Strensall (detachment in Altcar, former NW ATU), ATU Northern Ireland in Ballykinler, ATU Scotland in Edinburgh, and ATU West in Exeter with a Wales detachment in Cardiff.</p> <p>So, my questions is;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Can you advise of these ATUs still exist or have been disbanded. 2) What are the roles of ATUs and which command/units are they placed under themselves 3) Have any changes occurred since Army 2020 in relation to the ATUs 	Army Sec	

Annex B to
FOI2020/13258 and various requests
Dated 17th February 2021

Requests Received from Mr Justin Zacchi after 9 December 2020

No	Date request received	MOD Reference	Request details	Team	Status
1	12 Feb 2021	FOI2021/01662	I understand this is a long request, so I'll break it up into separate sections. 1. Could you provide a list of the units/formations assigned to 6 (UK) Division, and their locations if possible: 1a) Division Control/HQ 1b) 1st (UK) Signal Brigade 1c) 1st ISR Brigade 1d) Specialised Infantry Group 2. Are any units due to be assigned/formed and brought under the 6th (UK) Division and any of their brigades in the future? 3. Are there any basing changes planned for any of the brigades/units in the near future (up to 2023).	Army Sec	Open – New request
2	25 Jan 2021 (dated 24 Jan 2021)	FOI2021/00781	I'd like to request a list of bands of the Armed Forces, as they were in 1990 (just before the Options for Change). If this can't be answered here, any information on where I can find the information would work also. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/bands_of_the_british_armed_force	People Sec	Open – New request
3	25 Jan 2021 (dated 24 Jan)	FOI2021/00779	Could you provide a list of the current bands within the three services of the armed forces? Also, if possible their locations and which formation they report to would be greatly appreciated. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/bands_of_the_british_armed_force_2	People Sec	Open – New request
4	24 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13983	Dear Royal Air Force, Could you provide a list of the following: 1) Current Wings of the RAF Regiment 2) The squadrons of the regiment and their higher command 3) Current Location of the Wings/Squadrons And finally, if possible could you advise which group these wings reports to overall. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/raf_regiment	Air Cmd	Closed Response dated 7 Jan 2021 Similar request to FOI2020/13568 Para 26 above refers
5	15 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13726	Could you advise the current: A) Current Royal Navy Reserve units (and their size/command they report to) B) Current Royal Marines Reserve units (and their size/command they report to) C) Any other reserve units of the Royal Navy/Royal Marines which don't fall into the above category (for example; any commands) https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/reserves_7	Navy Cmd	S12(4) applied in Navy Command's response of 12 Jan 2021

6	15 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13725	Could you advise the current standing squadrons/flotillas/commands/groups, etc of the Royal Navy currently active. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/royal_navy_standing_commands	Navy Cmd	
7	15 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13724	Could advise the current ships/organisations/services, etc. of the Royal Navy based within HMNB Faslane. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/royal_navy_in_faslane	Navy Cmd	
8	15 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13723	Could you advise the current MoD services/units (mod, not army)/organisations based at Colchester Garrison. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/mod_at_colchester_garrison	Army Sec	Open - New request
9	15 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13721	Could you advise the current MoD services/units (mod, not army)/organisations based at Tidworth Garrison. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/mod_at_tidworth_garrison	Army Sec	Open
10	15 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13720	Could you advise the current MoD services/units (mod, not army)/organisations based within Scotland. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/mod_in_scotland	Army Sec	Open Similar request to FOI2020/13123
11	15 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13718	Could you advise the current MoD services/units (mod, not army)/organisations based at Catterick Garrison. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/catterick_garrison_2	Army Sec	Open Similar request to FOI2020/13128
12	9 Dec 2020	FOI2020/13568	Could you provide a list of the current RAF Cadet wings, along with the groups they report to (if available), and those wing's current squadrons and locations? I understand this is a lost to request, so if this information has already been provided or can be viewed anywhere else, that would work too. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/raf_cadet_wings	Air Cmd	Closed S12(4) This request was aggregated in Navy Command's response dated 12 Jan 2021 but Air Cmd issued their substantive response dated 12 Jan 2021 Para 27 above refers