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Dear Mr Shorter,

Thank you for your email dated 10 January 2016, requesting the following information on:

(1) How many Regular RN/RM Officers below 1\* are currently serving or forecast to serve beyond 55? For the avoidance of doubt, I do not include FTRS personnel but only those regular Officers who have been granted extended commissions.

(2) Of those at (1), how many are employed in Acting Higher Rank?

(3) if possible, could you provide a breakdown by rank and/or branch.

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in tables 1 and 2 below.

**Table 1. Regular Royal Navy and Royal Marine Officers below substantive rank OF6 (1\*) who are or projected to serve beyond 55 as of 1 December 2015 by substantive and paid rank**

NATO substantive rank	NATO paid rank	Current age <55 (projected* 55+)	Current age 55+	Grand Total
OF2	Substantive	5	~	5
	Acting higher	0	0	0
OF3	Substantive	25	25	45
	Acting higher	0	~	5
OF4	Substantive	175	25	200
	Acting higher	5	0	5
OF5	Substantive	25	15	40
	Acting higher	~	~	<5
Grand Total		240	70	305

Total aged 55+ employed in Acting Higher Rank: 5

Total aged <55 but projected to serve beyond 55 currently in Acting Higher Rank: 10

Total aged 55+ or aged <55 but projected to serve beyond 55 currently in Acting Higher Rank: 15

**Table 2. Regular Royal Navy and Royal Marine Officers below substantive rank OF6 (1\*) who are or projected to serve beyond 55 as of 1 December 2015 by branch**

<b>BRANCH**</b>	<b>Current age &lt;55 (projected* 55+)</b>	<b>Current age 55+</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
RN Chaplaincy Service	15	10	25
Dental, Medical, QARNNS	100	15	110
Engineer	10	15	25
Logistics	5	~	5
Warfare	105	25	125
Royal Marines	10	5	15
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>305</b>

**Notes:**

\*Those who are under age 55 but are projected to continue serving on or after age 55 are those who have an engagement end date past their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. They may not necessarily serve beyond 55 because they may exit before their engagement end date or it may be brought forward. This is not a forecast of those who will serve beyond 55; the projected figures are not an indication of the total number of personnel aged beyond 55 who will be serving at any given point.

\*\* Branches have been grouped to remove the arm component of the branch. This was to reduce small numbers being published.

Data has been provided as of 1 December 2015. Defence Statistics release Royal Navy manpower figures as an Official Statistics publication. In accordance with the Code of Practice for the release of National and Official Statistics, as set out in the 2007 Act, I am unable to provide a more recent date prior to its statistical release. 1 January 2016 data will be available as of Thursday 11 February 2016.

All totals are rounded in accordance with the Defence Statistics rounding policy; therefore totals may not equal the sum of their parts. All numbers are rounded to the nearest 5. Numbers that would be rounded to 0 are represented by '~'.

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Yours sincerely,

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