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Dear Mr Young,

Thank you for your request dated 23 April 2016 requesting the following information:

Earl Howe and his entourage accompanied 53 Korean veterans, their carers and families to a commemoration in Korea.

Please advise:-

- 1. Who selected the veterans?*
- 2. From which of the three services?*
- 3. Were all surviving Korean veterans advised of the visit?*
- 4. How many Korean veterans survive? As of this day.*

I am writing to confirm that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence does not hold information on the Korean veterans who attended the commemorative event in Korea. The Royal British Legion (RBL) were responsible for arranging their attendance; therefore you may wish to direct your questions to them.

The RBL can be contacted at:

199 Borough High Street
London
SE1 1AA

Information is also not held about how many veterans of the Korean conflict survive. Recorded data is not generally kept about the lives of serving personnel once they have left Service.

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

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat