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*Dear Mr Bah,*

Thank you for your email of 2 February requesting the following information:

I would like to know the number of Commonwealth citizens recruited into the British Army. I am therefore soliciting the following information:

1. How many have been recruited into the British Army from 2010 to 2015?
2. The number of soldiers from each Commonwealth country and a breakdown by country of their various ranks in the army?
3. A breakdown by country of regular Soldiers, Officers and Territorial Soldiers?
4. A breakdown on how many are still in active service?
5. A breakdown by country of how many died in combat operations?

I would like this data to be supplied in spreadsheet (excel) format. If any of the requested information is not available in your data base, then please omit.

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

However, we will need you to clarify some elements of your request as set out below before we can undertake a search of our recorded information.

- Question 1. Does this relate to just Regulars or are you also interested in the Army Reserve (formerly known as the Territorial Army)?
- Question 2. Does this relate to just Regulars or are you interested in the Army Reserve as well? Furthermore, are you requesting information in relation to just Soldiers, or Officers and Soldiers?
- Question 3. Please confirm whether or not you would require data for Army Regular Officers as well as Army Reserve Soldiers?

- Question 4. Does this relate to those personnel who would be covered under Question 1 and do you require information for Regulars only or Regulars and Reserves?
- Question 5. Does this relate to Regulars only or Reservists who have been deployed on Operations and which Operations are you interested in?

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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