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Dear Bryan,

Thank you for your email dated 11 February 2012, which I am treating as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The Act entitles you to receive any information held by the department at the time your request was made subject to any exemptions that may apply. It has been passed to my department and I have been asked to respond.

You requested:

“Can you tell me the percentage of serving members of the Armed Forces were recruited in Scotland from 2000 until 2012?”

I have provided tables below showing the recruitment through Career Offices in Scotland as an overall number and as a percentage against the recruitment figures for the UK as a whole. As the single Services have their own procedures for collating this information, the tables below will vary between the Services.

Royal Navy

Year	Total Scotland	Total Rest of UK & NI	Total all Regular Service Recruits	Percentage of recruits from Scotland
2003/2004	347	3486	3833	9%
2004/2005	368	3276	3644	10%
2005/2006	312	3549	3861	8%
2006/2007	287	3526	3813	8%
2007/2008	277	3654	3931	7%
2008/2009	330	3921	4251	8%
2009/2010	284	3881	4165	7%
2010/2011	164	3432	2596	6%
2011/2012 up to 31 Jan	139	1749	1888	7%

Note:

- Records are not held prior to 2003.

Army

Table 1: Totals for the whole of the UK

Year	Army Officer	Army Officer TA	Army Other Rank	Army Other Rank TA
2000/2001	2	N/A	13235	N/A
2001/2002	1	1	13559	2
2002/2003	17	N/A	14780	N/A
2003/2004	32	N/A	13613	2
2004/2005	9	N/A	10486	6
2005/2006	32	2	11412	16
2006/2007	9	9	12318	86
2007/2008	444	44	11632	4447
2008/2009	601	63	12761	6186
2009/2010	660	24	12277	5385
2010/2011	776	116	7726	4769
2011/2012 up to 20 Feb	750	150	10249	5634

Table 2: Totals for Scotland with percentages in brackets

Year	Army Officer	Army Officer TA	Army Other Rank	Army Other Rank TA
2000/2001	N/A	N/A	1406 (11%)	N/A
2001/2002	N/A	N/A	1452 (11%)	N/A
2002/2003	N/A	N/A	1597 (11%)	N/A
2003/2004	N/A	N/A	1486 (11%)	N/A
2004/2005	N/A	N/A	1117 (11%)	N/A
2005/2006	N/A	1	1077 (9%)	1 (6%)
2006/2007	N/A	N/A	1024 (8%)	2 (2%)
2007/2008	73 (16%)	2 (4%)	745 (6%)	527 (12%)
2008/2009	60 (10%)	4 (6%)	829 (6%)	637 (10%)
2009/2010	47 (7%)	4 (16%)	1101 (9%)	670 (12%)
2010/2011	34 (4%)	10 (9%)	834 (11%)	582 (12%)
2011/2012 up to 20 Feb	44 (6%)	13 (8%)	1054 (10%)	588 (10%)

Note

- Not Available – N/A
- Complete statistics are only available since 2007/2008 when data was moved to a new system

Royal Air Force

Year	Total Scotland	Total all Regular Service Recruits	Percentage of recruits from Scotland
2004	319	N/A	N/A
2005	143	N/A	N/A
2006	163	N/A	N/A
2007	213	N/A	N/A
2008	266	4497	6%
2009	315	3583	9%
2010	118	1491	8%
2011	96	1257	7.5%
2012 up to 17 Feb	22	N/A	N/A

Note

- Not Available – N/A
- Records are no longer held prior to 2004
- Percentages can only be provided from 2008 as the RAF underwent an upgrade to their data system

Please note that this information does not provide a comprehensive picture of the numbers of Scottish Individuals who have joined the Armed Forces, as people can be recruited through any Recruiting Office nationwide. These figures could just as easily include other nationalities who have chosen to join through a Scottish office.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

DCDS Personnel & Training Secretariat

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 Head of Corporate Information, 1st Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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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