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Dear

Thank you for your enquiry of 9 October 2009 regarding the number of personnel recruited in Wales in the last 5 years. I can confirm that this has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I have been asked to reply but must first apologise for the delay in doing so.

You requested the following information:

A detailed breakdown of the number of people recruited by the Navy, the Army and the RAF from Wales over the last five years in the form of an annual breakdown giving separate figures for each of the three Services.

The information requested is presented in the tables below with the following caveats:

- RN/RM and Army Officer figures are not provided as these individuals tend to be recruited through a wider variety of means and any information provided would not be meaningful in this context.
- This information will not provide a comprehensive picture of the recruitment of individuals who live in Wales as it does not include those Welsh residents who may have chosen to join through Armed Forces Careers Offices elsewhere or through some other means, such as the internet.

Naval Services

The table below details those Ratings and Other Ranks recruited through the Armed Forces Career Offices in Cardiff, Swansea and Wrexham.

2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
170	204	163	180	204

Army

The table below details those Other Ranks recruited through the Army Career Information Offices in Bangor, Bridgend, Carmarthen, Haverfordwest, Merthyr Tydfil, Newport, Pontypridd, Rhyl, and the Armed Forces Career Offices in Cardiff, Swansea and Wrexham.

2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
606	761	861	795	854

RAF

The table below details those Officers and Airmen recruited through the Armed Forces Career Offices in Cardiff, Swansea and Wrexham.

2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
131	100	87	191	319

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Yours sincerely

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