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Dear XXXXXXXX

Thank you for your request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on 27 April 2011.

You requested the following information:

1. For the last calendar year 2010 please state how many positive drugs tests were recorded following tests carried out on members of the armed forces?
2. If possible please provide a breakdown of those positive tests by type or class of drug?
3. For the 2010 figure of positive drug tests please provide a breakdown of these positive tests by army corps (as per the definition provided in Parliamentary Written Answer 190801).

The misuse of drugs in the Armed Forces is inconsistent with Service life and the misuse of drugs is an issue that can affect the operational effectiveness of the Armed Forces. We therefore maintain a policy which can be described as 'zero tolerance'. Each Service has a team that undertakes compulsory drug testing (CDT).

The figures provided in Table 1 below represent the number of positive test results for Class A, B or C drugs through the CDT programme during 2010. This is a higher figure than in Table 2 because some individuals will produce a positive test result for more than one class of drug. Therefore the CDT results provided may not represent individual cases.

TABLE 1 - ARMED FORCES COMPULSORY DRUG TEST RESULTS 2010

| SERVICE | NUMBER OF CDT CARRIED OUT | POSITIVE FOR CLASS A DRUG | POSITIVE FOR CLASS B DRUG | POSITIVE FOR CLASS C DRUG |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| NAVY | 12352 | 28 | 27 | 1 |
| ARMY | 88354 | 272 | 193 | 28 |
| RAF | 12816 | 20 | 8 | 0 |
| TOTAL CDT | 113522 | 320 | 228 | 29 |

The figures provided in Table 2 below represent the number of Army personnel who have tested positive through the CDT programme during 2010 for Class A, B or C drug use.

TABLE 2 - BREAKDOWN BY ARMY CORPS 2010

| REGIMENT | NUMBER OF PERSONNEL WITH POSITIVE RESULTS |
|---|--|
| Army Air Corps | ~ |
| Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers | ~ |
| The Corps of the Royal Engineers | 13 |
| Royal Military Police | ~ |
| The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment | 11 |
| The Foot Guards | 35 |
| Household Cavalry Regiment & Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment | 8 |
| Military Intelligence | ~ |
| The Mercian Regiment | 11 |
| The Parachute Regiment | 11 |
| The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment | 8 |
| The Royal Anglian Regiment | 15 |
| Royal Armoured Corps | 43 |
| Royal Army Medical Corps & Royal Army Dental Corps | ~ |
| Royal Corps of Signals | 21 |
| Royal Logistics Corps | 49 |
| Royal Regiment of Artillery | 36 |
| Royal Regiment of Fusiliers | 16 |
| Scottish Division | 22 |
| The Rifles | 25 |
| The Royal Welsh | 16 |
| The Yorkshire Regiment | 26 |
| TOTAL | 356 |

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Yours sincerely

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