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Dear ,

Thank you for your email of 12 July in which you requested the following information:

1. *Could you please provide me with the number of serving Royal Artillery soldiers for each of the rank of Gnr, LBdr, Bdr, Sgt, SSgt, WO2 and WO1 of the Royal Artillery Logistics Specialism for the following years:*

- a. 2014
- b. 2015
- c. 2016

2. *Could you tell me how many dedicated posts there are in the British Army which can only be filled by Royal Artillery Logistics Specialism personnel in the following ranks:*

- a. SSgt
- b. WO2
- c. WO1

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some/ the information in scope of your request is held and can be found below:

1. Number of serving Royal Artillery (RA) Soldiers for each rank of the RA Logistics Specialism for years 2014 – 2016.

<b>Paid Rank</b>	<b>Apr-14</b>	<b>Apr-15</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
<b>Total</b>	610	520	550
<b>WO1</b>	-	-	-
<b>WO2</b>	-	-	-
<b>SSgt</b>	20	40	40
<b>Sgt</b>	90	80	80
<b>Cpl</b>	140	120	130
<b>LCpl</b>	230	180	160
<b>Pte</b>	120	100	140

Notes/Caveats:

- The figures are for trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, Army Reserve and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.
- Trade data is Main Trade for Pay as recorded on JPA. Main Trade for Pay is only attributable to personnel within the Soldier population and therefore will not include Officers.
- Figures have been rounded to 10 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality; numbers ending in “5” have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
- “-“ denotes zero or rounded to zero.

2. Number of dedicated posts in the British Army which can only be filled by RA Logistics Specialism personnel in the following ranks:

Rank	No Dedicated Posts
SSgt	0
WO2	0
WO1	4

Notes/Caveats:

- WO1 and WO2 ranks did not operate under a Main Trade for Pay until after the 2016 Pay Review (which took effect 1 April 2016) which is why we hold no trade data for them.
- Whilst the RA hold a number of posts tagged RA Logistics the WO1 posts are essential for a RA Logistician to occupy them. The remainder of the posts are ‘highly desirable’ for a RA Logistician to occupy. Please note, however, that there are numerous occasions when a RA Logistician is not available and the Army Personnel Centre (APC) are required to allocate a non-RA Logistician to the post as a temporary ‘fix’ to enable the unit to continue to function. In these cases the soldier undergoes training to enable them to complete the logistics function on a temporary basis.

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Yours sincerely,

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