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Dear David Kerr

I refer to your email of 19 September 2021, requesting information about the historical deployment of Territorial Force personnel. Specifically, you wanted to know:

*For all NZ Army operational deployments since 1991, the number of Territorial Force personnel per rotation, broken down by rank*

*... and*

*The total number of Territorial Force personnel put on regular force contracts per year since 1991, broken down by rank. (This can be expressed as number of contracts started per year).*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Please note that information before 2004 is no longer readily retrievable as that reporting system is no longer in use. Consequently, your request for information before June 2004 is declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA as a substantial research and collation effort would be required to regenerate the data. Neither extending the timeframe for a response nor fixing a charge would change this decision.

Enclosed are two tables providing readily retrievable information from June 2004 until August 2021. Enclosure one sets out the deployment totals of Territorial Force personnel broken down by rank, the year in which deployments commenced, and the location.

Enclosure two provides the totals of all Territorial Force personnel on deployments who are deployed on Short Term Regular Force Engagements (STRFE). A STRFE is given to personnel who intend to return to the Territorial Force. These assignments are usually for less than 12 months.

The figures in these tables will record the same person multiple times if they were deployed on a different operation.

It is important to note that this information does not provide figures for Territorial Force personnel who transfer permanently to the Regular Force. Those personnel are then deployed as members of the Regular Force.

You retain a right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely



**AJ WOODS**  
Air Commodore  
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

**Enclosures:**

1. Total deployments of Army Territorial Force personnel by year and location
2. Total STRFEs taken up by Army Territorial Force personnel

**Table A.** Total deployments of Army Territorial Force personnel between June 2004 and August 2021, broken down by rank and the year that the deployment began.

Year/Rank	PTE (E)	LCPL (E)	CPL (E)	SGT (E)	SSGT (E)	WO2 (E)	WO1 (E)	2LT (E)	LT (E)	CAPT (E)	MAJ (E)	LTCOL (E)	COL (E)	BRIG (E)	Total
<b>2004</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>9</b>
AFGHANISTAN		1					1			1	1				4
ANTARCTICA		1	1												2
EAST TIMOR							1								1
EGYPT					1										1
SOLOMON ISLANDS										1					1
<b>2005</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>21</b>
AFGHANISTAN		1		1	1	1				3		1			8
ANTARCTICA	1		2												3
BOSNIA										1					1
EAST TIMOR							1								1
EGYPT		1								2					3
INDONESIA											1		1		2
SOLOMON ISLANDS										3					3
<b>2006</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>				<b>57</b>
AFGHANISTAN		2		1							1				4
BOSNIA											2				2
EAST TIMOR							2				2				4
EGYPT					2					3	1				6
KOREA									1		1				2
SOLOMON ISLANDS	26	3	4	1				1		3	1				39
<b>2007</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>113</b>
AFGHANISTAN							1			1	2				4
BOSNIA										2					2
EAST TIMOR	7	1								1			1		10
EGYPT		1			1					1					3
SOLOMON ISLANDS	69	9	9	2					3		2				94
<b>2008</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>143</b>
AFGHANISTAN				1	1						2		1		5
ANTARCTICA		1	1												2
EAST TIMOR	18	4	3	1	1				2	1	1				31
EGYPT				1		1				2					4
KOREA											1				1
SOLOMON ISLANDS	74	9	6	5	1				3		2				100
<b>2009</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
AFGHANISTAN	1				1	1	1		1	2	3			1	11
ANTARCTICA		2			1										3
EAST TIMOR	6	1	1	1	2				2	1	2				16
EGYPT					3				2						5
SOLOMON ISLANDS	68	7	8	3				1	3		1				91
<b>2010</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>19</b>
AFGHANISTAN		2	1	2						2	1	2			10
EAST TIMOR	2										1				3
EGYPT					2					1					3
KOREA									2						2
SOLOMON ISLANDS											1				1



Year/Rank	PTE (E)	LCPL (E)	CPL (E)	SGT (E)	SSGT (E)	WO2 (E)	WO1 (E)	2LT (E)	LT (E)	CAPT (E)	MAJ (E)	LTCOL (E)	COL (E)	BRIG (E)	Total
<b>2019</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>9</b>
EGYPT		1			1						1				3
IRAQ				1	1					1					3
ISRAEL											1				1
SOUTH KOREA												2			2
<b>2020</b>	<b>1</b>						<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>5</b>
ANTARCTICA	1						1								2
IRAQ											1				1
ISRAEL												1			1
SOUTH KOREA												1			1
<b>2021</b>										<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>
ISRAEL										1					1
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>632</b>

Note – 2021 figures are to 31 August 2021

**Table B.** Total STRFEs taken up by Army Territorial Force personnel (regardless of deployment) between June 2004 and August 2021, broken down by rank and the year that their engagements commenced.

Year/Rank	PTE (E)	LCPL (E)	CPL (E)	SGT (E)	SSGT (E)	WO2 (E)	WO1 (E)	OFFCDT (E)	2LT (E)	LT (E)	CAPT (E)	MAJ (E)	LTCOL (E)	COL (E)	BRIG (E)	Total
2004		8	1	2	1		2				2	3				<b>19</b>
2005	10	10	5	3	5	1	2			3	12	3	1	2		<b>57</b>
2006	31	10	11	2	4		2		3	7	8	9	1			<b>88</b>
2007	89	15	16	5	1		1		2	5	7	8		2		<b>151</b>
2008	99	19	17	10	6	1			2	8	4	10		1	1	<b>178</b>
2009	83	13	12	6	10	1	1		2	11	5	7			1	<b>152</b>
2010	7	1	3	1	2					2	1	3	2			<b>22</b>
2011	7	3	8	2	5				2	5	4	1	4	1		<b>42</b>
2012	29	10	10	10	4	1	1		3	9	6	4	1	1	1	<b>90</b>
2013	22	10	11	5	2				1	2	4	5	4			<b>66</b>
2014	14	2	3	2	3	1			1	1	3		2	1		<b>33</b>
2015	28	24	21	10	8	1	2	3	3	7	12	4	4	2		<b>129</b>
2016	42	18	18	12	9	1		1	2	5	8	11	2			<b>129</b>
2017	67	19	30	40	23	5	1	1	4	11	16	10	11	2		<b>240</b>
2018	24	7	3	4	5		1		4	1	3	2	3			<b>57</b>
2019	24	18	17	8	10	2	1		3	4	7	5	6			<b>105</b>
2020	75	29	18	25	17	4	1		6	2	9	7	11	5		<b>209</b>
2021	22	13	5	1	2	3	1		1	8	5	4				<b>65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1832</b>

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