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20 March 2024

Dear John,

I undertook to write to you with the answer to your Parliamentary Questions about how many and what proportion of (a) Commonwealth and (b) other foreign nationals serving in the armed forces earn more than £29,000 a year and more than £38,700 a year. The answer to your questions is below.

The following table shows data as at 24 February 2024 for Commonwealth nationals, and as at 19 February 2024 for Gurkhas who we have defined as other foreign nationals.

	<b>Number who earn more than £29,000 per year</b>	<b>As a proportion</b>	<b>Number who earn more than £38,700 per year</b>	<b>As a proportion</b>
Commonwealth Citizens serving in the Regular Armed Forces	2,880	45%	1,020	15%
Brigade of Gurkhas	2,440	58%	990	24%

### Notes/Caveats:

The figures above have been rounded to the nearest 10, where numbers ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid systematic bias.

The totals have been rounded independently and therefore may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.

The data is in relation to base salary and does not therefore include any allowances individuals may be in receipt of.

The Rt Hon John Healey MP  
Shadow Secretary of State for Defence  
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These figures are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics; they have been provided by Defence Business Services who pay Armed Forces salaries.

I am placing a copy of this response in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Murrison." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'M'.

**RT HON DR ANDREW MURRISON MP**