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Dear Emily,

I undertook to write to you further to your Parliamentary Question 234150 of 19 March 2019 seeking information on the number of RAF personnel who were employed on secondment to BAE Systems to provide routine engineering and generic training support for UK-supplied aircraft and aircrews assigned to Royal Saudi Air Force operational squadrons in each year since 2013-14.

A search has now been completed for the information you requested, both within the UK and Saudi Arabia, but it has been found that the Ministry of Defence does not hold the specific historical information requested on these personnel. I regret that officials were unable to complete their search in good time, but as indicated above the potential sources for such information extended outside the UK; the search being complicated further by differences in time zones and working weeks.

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

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The Rt Hon Emily Thornberry MP  
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## Written Answer (Ministry of Defence) - 22 Mar 2019

Emily Thornberry MP  
House of Commons

**Emily Thornberry:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 March 2019 to Question 232090, on Saudi Arabia: Military Aid, how many RAF personnel have been employed on secondment to BAE Systems providing routine engineering and generic training support for UK-supplied aircraft and aircrews assigned to operational squadrons of the Royal Saudi Air Force in 2013-14 and each year since. [234150]

**Mark Lancaster:**

It will take time to confirm if Ministry of Defence holds this information and I will write to the hon. Member.