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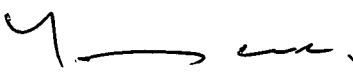
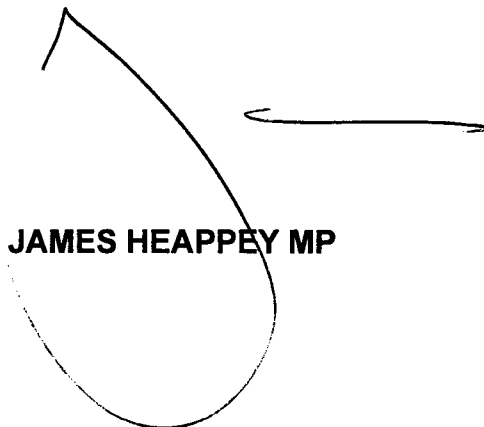
12th July 2023

Dear John,

Further to your Question 187891, I promised to write to you on the number of UK Defence personnel, regular, reserve and MOD civilians stationed in the Indo-Pacific, since 2015. Please find this outlined in the attached table.

The row for 'elsewhere' has been included to denote countries that are not included in the Annual Location Statistics and are not already in the public domain. This includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, North Korea, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Pitcairn, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

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

Yours,


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Number of UK MOD Personnel^{1,4,5,6,8} Stationed² in Indo-Pacific Countries^{3,7} as at 1st April each year since 2015

	01-Apr-15	01-Apr-16	01-Apr-17	01-Apr-18	01-Apr-19	01-Apr-20	01-Apr-21	01-Apr-22
Indo-Pacific Total	380	390	400	410	410	400	410	410
Afghanistan	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	-
Australia	40	50	50	50	60	60	80	70
British Indian Ocean Territory (inc. Diego)	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Brunei	180	190	200	210	210	190	190	190
Nepal	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
New Zealand	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Pakistan	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Singapore	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Elsewhere ⁷	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	50

Source: Analysis Tri-Service

Notes and Caveats.

1. UK MOD Personnel comprises UK Regulars, FR20 and MOD Civilians.
2. The figures are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence - where personnel work isn't necessarily where they live. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location. The Royal Navy/Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the local authority
3. Country as recorded in Joint Personnel Administration (JPA).
4. At this point figures containing Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) personnel are estimates because the stationed location data for FR20 Reserves has not been fully verified.
5. MOD Civilian numbers are Full Time Equivalent (FTE). FTE is a measure of the size of the workforce taking into account that they work per week as a proportion of normal hours for their grade and location. Some people work part-time. Part-time staff are counted according to the number of hours they work per week as a proportion of normal hours for their grade and location.
6. MOD Civilians include Industrial, Non Industrial and Trading funds.
7. Elsewhere has been included to denote countries that are not included in the Annual Location Statistics have not already been previously released. This includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, North Korea, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Pitcairn, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Vietnam.
8. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 to prevent inadvertent disclosure. However, numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias. Figures between 1 and 5 inclusive are represented by '-' to prevent possible disclosure, and zero represented by "-". Totals have been rounded separately, and so Totals may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.