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Dear Paul,

During the debate on Defence Policy (International Relations and Defence Committee Report) on 30th June 2023, I agreed to inquire as to the number of Defence Attachés (DAs) across West Africa.

The UK MoD currently has 5 DAs permanently based in West Africa (Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Ghana and Cameroon). These DAs also have Non-Resident Accreditation as Attachés in a further 8 West African Nations. The Global Defence Network is subject to annual review, and the number and position of DAs are reassessed in pursuit of commonly agreed priorities in consultation with a range of stakeholders across Whitehall.

I hope this explains the position.

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

*Yours sincerely,
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