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I am writing to follow up on your recent parliamentary question:

*To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Australian (a) military and (b) civilian Defence personnel have been stationed in the UK each year since 2010.*

I answered with a holding reply on 13 September explaining that my Department does not hold this information centrally. Over the last few weeks, we have consulted the Australian Government, which does have this data, and obtained their permission for it to be released. Thank you for your patience while this was done.

By way of context, Australia is amongst the UK's closest partners. This is especially true of the Defence relationship and is reflected by the breadth and depth of our cooperation on operations, through capability collaboration and in the exchange of ideas, expertise and skills. At the heart of this are the people-to-people relationships between our two nations and systems.

Since 2010 the UK and Australia have cooperated intensely on a range of Defence and security issues starting with operations in the Middle East, including our mutual involvement in Afghanistan, our support to Iraqi security forces and to countering Daesh.

This has now developed into a modern and relevant partnership, jointly tackling global and Indo-Pacific issues, cooperating on the most sensitive of capabilities, with AUKUS at the centre, and working together to enhance security and stability in both the Indo-Pacific and NATO-Atlantic theatres. The specific information you sought is provided in the table below. I am grateful to the Australian Government for providing it and agreeing to its release.

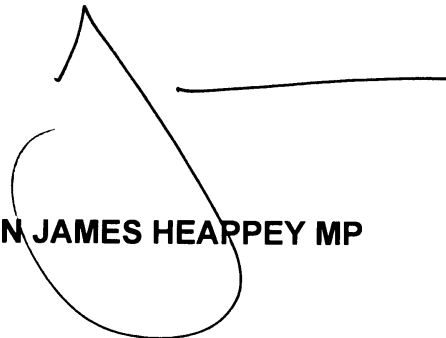
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Financial Year*	Military Personnel	Australian Public Service Personnel
2010-2011	155	35
2011-2012	141	31
2012-2013	128	34
2013-2014	121	33
2014-2015	113	26
2015-2016	116	24
2016-2017	116	34
2017-2018	103	30
2018-2019	115	34
2019-2020	108	35
2020-2021	104	31
2021-2022	102	26
2022-2023	121	31

\*Australian financial year

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