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Dear John.

On 11 September 2023 I promised to write to you following your written Question 195708, To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, What the (a) original and (b) current in service date is of the Martlet programme.

The In-Service date for Martlet was achieved on 22 October 2021. It was originally forecast for 31 October 2020. The delay was caused primarily by technical issues integrating and trialling the new role equipment and weapon.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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