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Dear Kenny,

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

*To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, in which countries the extra UK military personnel deployed to Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean since 7 October 2023 are based; and how many personnel are deployed in each of those countries as of 27 November 2023.*

I answered with a holding reply on 5 December, explaining that it has not been possible to obtain the information in the time available. Thank you for your patience while this was done.

I am now able to confirm that as of 27 November 2023; the UK had approximately 500 additional service personnel deployed to Cyprus, and a small number of personnel deployed across Egypt, Israel and Lebanon to support contingency planning and UK humanitarian aid efforts. I have withheld specific numbers for these countries for operational security reasons.

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

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