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

John Healey: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 2760 on Middle East: Armed Forces, how many UK troops were present in (a) Jordan, (b) Lebanon, (c) Oman, (d) Bahrain and (e) Cyprus in each year since 2010. 4054

I answered with a holding reply on 6 December, explaining that it has not been possible to obtain the information in the time available. Thank you for your patience while the archives were consulted.

I am now able to provide approximate figures for the number of UK Service Personnel present in: Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Bahrain and Cyprus as of 21 November in each year since 2010-2023:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Bahrain	150	150	200	200	170	230	250	200	250	200	200	200	250	400
Cyprus	2000	1900	1700	2000	2000	2300	2300	2000	2220	2000	2300	2300	2300	3000
Jordan	300	900	700	200	650	60	50	60	40	40	30	40	60	30
Lebanon	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	20	20	40
Oman	100	300	300	300	200	200	500	250	1300	300	300	600	900	1000

The response to Question 2760 gave a snapshot of the total number of UK Service Personnel present in Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Bahrain and Cyprus on a single day (21 November 2023). To ensure consistency this question has been answered with the same methodology.

In addition to Service Personnel stationed in these five countries, the figures given factor in Service Personnel deployed on operations, exercise and in transit. On any given day these figures can vary significantly due to routine force rebalancing, rest and recuperation periods and relief in place.

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