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Dear Andrew,

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

Andrew Gwynne: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, in how many NATO-led (a) exercises and (b) operational deployments the armed forces participated each year since 2015. 13527

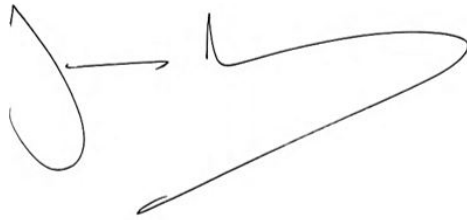
I answered with a holding reply on 23 February 2024, explaining that additional time was needed to access all the information required. Thank you for your patience while the archives were consulted.

A breakdown of the number of NATO-led exercises and NATO-led operational deployments per year is provided below for all the Single Services combined. The information requested is not held centrally. The following has been compiled from sources across the single-Services and is a 'best estimate' based on the available information.

Year	NATO-Led Exercises	NATO-Led Operational Deployments
2015	5	10
2016	5	15
2017	14	16
2018	20	16
2019	10	16
2020	10	14
2021	16	13
2022	17	15
2023	23	10
Total:	120	125

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Data is not available from the single Services for all years pertaining to your answer, but where the data is available an estimate has been provided below capturing NATO-led exercises and NATO-led operational deployments from the three single services.

Air:

Year	Exercises	Operational Deployments
2015	Data not held	4
2016	Data not held	4
2017	Data not held	4
2018	Data not held	5
2019	Data not held	5
2020	2	5
2021	6	5
2022	5	4
2023	3	5
2024	0 (as of 15 Feb 24)	0 (as of 15 Feb 24)

Navy:

Year	Exercises	Operational Deployments
2015	5	3
2016	5	8
2017	14	8
2018	17	7
2019	7	6
2020	1	4
2021	3	3
2022	4	7
2023	8	1

Land:

Year	Exercises	Operational Deployments
2015	Data not held	3
2016	Data not held	3
2017	Data not held	4
2018	3	4
2019	3	5
2020	7	5
2021	7	5
2022	8	4
2023	12	4