

JAMES CARTLIDGE MP
MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PROCUREMENT

Ref 5174

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Dear Maria,

On 13 December 2023 I undertook to write you in response to the following question:

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of items of stock in the inventory are categorised as spares as of 5 December 2023 5174

I can now advise the right honourable member that as of December 2023 there were approximately 10 million individual quantities of capital spares of approximately 97,000 different types. The 10 million individual quantities represent approximately 2% of all quantities held when including Raw Materials and Consumables (RMC) and Guided Weapons, Missiles and Bombs (GWMB) as well as capital spares.

Capital spares are items of repairable material retained for the purpose of replacing parts of an asset undergoing repair, refurbishment, maintenance, servicing, modification, enhancement or conversion.

In that respect the volumes shown above do not include RMC and GWMB and it would be inappropriate to disclose separate holdings of the latter for obvious reasons.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,



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