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Dear Neil,

I recently undertook to write to you with an answer to the following Parliamentary Question 11295

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of the Army Cadet force in each year since 2019; and what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of the Army Cadet force in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Information regarding the expenditure incurred in support of the provision of Army Cadet Force Activity is set out below.

Financial Year	Actual Spend £ million
2018-19	35.806
2019-20	35.473
2020-21	8.636
2021-22	19.104
2022-23	27.629
2023-24	29.824

For the 2024-25 financial year the forecast spend is £29.824 million.

The Army is unable to provide a forecast spend for the 2025-26 Financial Year as the Department is mid-way through the Annual Budget Cycle process and the Control Total for Army Cadet Force expenditure is therefore yet to be confirmed.

In addition, information regarding the Grant in Aid provided to the Reserve Forces and Cadet Association (RFCA) and Army Cadet Charitable Trust UK (ACCTUK) can be found below:

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Financial Year	Actual Spend £ million
2018-19	6.000
2019-20	6.190
2020-21	5.676
2021-22	10.541
2022-23	5.312
2023-24	8.548

The forecast for financial year 2024-25 is £8.991 million.

This information was provided by Army Regional Command

Notes/Caveats:

1. Included within the expenditure is: Civil Service Pay and Allowances, Cadet Volunteers Allowances, Policy and Safeguarding, Cadet Equipment and Stores, Cadet Camp provision and associated activity and Travel and Subsistence provision. Grant in Aid costs have been provided separately.
2. Not included within the expenditure is infrastructure costs and Military Pay.
3. Financial Years 20/21 and 21/22 were significantly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions as Cadet camps could not take place and Cadets were not allowed to meet face to face for activity.

You may find it helpful to know that the Denny Report published in 2021 by the University of Northampton found that participation in the Cadet Forces improves the health and wellbeing of cadets which produces an annual return on investment in the region of £95 million.

I will place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,



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