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Dear James,

On 12 March 2025, I undertook to write to you in response to your Parliamentary Question of 5 March 2025 (UIN 35342) about how many UK jobs have been created at Washington in Tyne and Wear, Glascoed in Wales, and in the UK as a whole, to support the Next Generation Munitions Solution (NMGS) agreement.

The MOD does not track the number of jobs associated with specific contracts, including NGMS. The following information has been provided by BAE Systems, who are delivering the programme.

To deliver the agreed work BAE Systems has created more than 200 new highly skilled jobs at BAE Systems' sites in Glascoed, Washington, and Radway Green in Cheshire, boosting the company's UK munitions workforce to more than 1,600. By the company's calculation, this demonstrates a 25% increase in the number of suitably qualified and experienced personnel for munitions production and engineering in the UK.

In support of demand, BAE Systems are continuing to deliver a programme of recruitment and investment in site facilities and infrastructure.

	Glascoed	Washington	Radway Green	Total UK
Manufacturing jobs created				
July 23–July 24	23	106	65	194
July 24– Current	26	0	0	26
Early careers July 23- planned Sept 2025	57	11	23	91

Overall job numbers will vary over time as the programme progresses through its acquisition cycle.

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

Best Wishes,

THE RT HON MARIA EAGLE MP