

deployed 52,631 overseas. Information on the associated costs is not available in the form requested and could be provided only at disproportionate cost.

### Nuclear Submarines

**Mr. Charles Kennedy:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many nuclear-submarine Z-berths there are currently in Scottish coastal waters; which ones have been used in the last 10 years, and when; and if he will make a statement. [28076]

**Mr. Soames:** The table sets out the usage of Z-berths in Scotland during the period 1992 to 1994. Figures prior to 1992 are not held centrally and could be provided only at disproportionate cost. Figures for 1995 are not yet available.

*Scottish Z-berth usage in days 1992 to 1994*

Z-berth	1992	1993	1994
Broadford bay	0	0	0
Brodick bay	0	0	0
Campbeltown	0	0	1
Coulport	51	94	66
Dales Voe	0	0	0
Dalgety bay	0	0	0
Firth of Forth	0	0	0
Glen Mallan	0	0	0
Holy loch	0	0	0
Lerwick	0	0	0
Loch Ewe	0	0	0
Loch Goil	3	14	14
Loch Striven	0	0	0
Portree	0	1	0
Raasay	0	0	0
Rothesay	0	3	0

**Mr. Kennedy:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence (1) what monitoring he undertakes of the potential environmental impact of nuclear submarine Z-berths in Scottish coastal waters; and if he will make a statement; [28075]

(2) what assessment he has made of the potential environmental impact of nuclear submarine Z-berths in Scottish coastal waters; and if he will make a statement. [28074]

**Mr. Arbuthnot:** The Defence Radiological Protection Service—DRPS—regularly monitors areas around UK establishments that support submarine operations to demonstrate that nuclear powered warship operation is neither harming the environment nor resulting in unacceptable levels of public radiation exposure.

DRPS surveys are complemented by the marine radioactivity monitoring programme undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, which publishes its findings independently.

### Unidentified Objects, (Rendlesham Forest)

**Mr. Redmond:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what is the current security classification on the documents his Department holds on the unidentified objects seen by members of the United States Armed Forces in Rendlesham forest, Suffolk in 1980; and if he will make a statement. [27644]

**Mr. Soames:** The papers held by my Department relating to the alleged events at Rendlesham Suffolk in 1980 are unclassified.

### British Service Personnel (Cyprus)

**Mr. Cox:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence many official complaints as to the behaviour of British service personnel stationed in Cyprus have been reported to the Ministry of Defence in London since 1 January 1996 and if he will make a statement.

**Mr. Soames:** My Department has received a number of letters from hon. Members and from members of the public condemning the actions of the three soldiers convicted of the manslaughter of Louise Jensen. While many of these have also included general criticism of the behaviour of some UK military personnel, I am not aware of any separate complaints relating to specific incidents involving service personnel in Cyprus since 1 January 1996.

We will not tolerate behaviour that brings the Armed Forces into disrepute. The vast majority of service personnel based in Cyprus are very well behaved.

### Land Mines

**Mr. Menzies Campbell:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what discussions have taken place with the Italian company Valsella regarding the upgrading of the Ranger land mines delivery system; and if he will make a statement. [27645]

**Mr. Arbuthnot:** A representative of Valsella attended a presentation given to officials of my Department in September 1995 by the manufacturer of the Ranger land mine delivery system about the potential for upgrading the system.

### Office Space

**Mrs. Bridget Prentice:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list the square footage and cost of office space rented by his Department and its agencies, and the number of his Department or agencies' buildings, partly, or fully unoccupied together with the square footage of that unoccupied office space and its estimated rental value where available in each of the past five financial years. [27646]

**Mr. Arbuthnot:** The information is not held in the form requested and could be obtained only at disproportionate cost.

### Employees' Rights

**Ms Jowell:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence (1) what provision is available to employees of his Department for (a) maternity leave, (b) maternity pay, (c) paternity leave, (d) parental leave, (e) flexible working hours, (f) part-time work, (g) job sharing, (h) leave to care for sick children, (i) home-working, (j) term-time contracts, (k) annual hours contracts, (l) workplace nurseries, (m) child care allowances, (n) carers' leave and (o) career break schemes; and what criteria are used to judge eligibility in each case; [27647]

(2) what provision is available to employees of executive agencies under the control of his Department for (a) maternity leave, (b) maternity pay, (c) paternity