14 Oct 2009: Column 962W Trident: Scotland

Ms Katy Clark: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence with reference to the answer of 21 July 2008, Official Report, column 848W, on Trident: Scotland, (1) how many of the 589 civilians at HM Naval Base Clyde whose jobs directly rely upon the Trident programme are employed in (a) engineering and science, (b) logistics, (c)security, (d) health and safety, (e) outfitting and steel work and (f) other areas; [260953]

- (2) how many of the 589 civilians at HM Naval Base Clyde whose jobs directly rely upon the Trident programme are resident in (a) Argyll and Bute constituency, (b) West Dunbartonshire constituency, (c) elsewhere in Scotland and (d) outside Scotland; [260954]
- (3) what the (a) skills requirements and (b) geographic distribution of the 250 indirect civilian jobs relating to support activities for the Trident programme in Scotland are. [260955]

Mr. Hutton: The information requested is not held by my Department in that format.

Action is ongoing, however, to update the December 2006 figures as part of a broader package of work. I will write to my hon. Friend when this work is complete.

Substantive answer from Bob Ainsworth to Katy Clark:

In answer to your Written Questions on 9 March, (Official Report, column 178W) the then Secretary of State undertook to write to you on completion of a package of work that was being carried out to update the number of civilian jobs in Scotland that directly rely upon the Trident programme.

This exercise has now been completed and a breakdown of civilian jobs by skill and home location at Her Majesty's Naval Base Clyde, including Faslane and Coulport, directly reliant upon the Trident programme is provided below.

Skill	Ministry of Defence	Babcock Marine	Total
Engineering and Science	85	197	282
Logistics	22	22	44
Health and Safety	0	1	1
Outfitting and Steel Work	0	0	0
Other areas	40	25	65
Total	147	245	392
Lockheed Martin UK Strategic Systems: breakdown by skill set is unavailable	-	-	72
Total civilian jobs directly reliant on Trident	_	-	464

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Location	Ministry of Defence	Babcock Marine	Total
Argyll and Bute	74	66	140
West Dumbartonshire	48	104	152
Elsewhere in Scotland	25	75	100
Outside Scotland	0	0	0
Total	147	245	392
Lockheed Martin UK Strategic Systems: breakdown in terms of home location is unavailable	-	-	72
Total civilian jobs directly reliant on Trident	-	_	464

Notes:

1. Figures shown are as at March 2009 and based on individuals employed.

2. Ministry of Defence Police and Ministry of Defence Guard Service have not been included in this exercise. This information is being withheld for the purpose of safeguarding national security and defence.

3. Posts with the Strategic Weapon System heading have been considered Trident-related.

Unfortunately, however, some of the information is not held in the format you requested. The revised figure of 464 civilian jobs that directly rely on the Trident programme in Scotland reflects the position as at March 2009. This excludes any Ministry of Defence Guard Service or Ministry of Defence Police posts because this figure is being withheld for the purpose of safeguarding national security and defence.

It is estimated that there are a further 200 indirect civilian jobs in Scotland relating to support activities on the Trident programme. Officials have confirmed that information relating to indirect civilian jobs was derived using national multipliers as published by the Scottish Executive on 31 March 2009, for the ship building, weapons and ammunition, instruments industries and project management/business service as appropriate. It is, therefore, not possible to break out this information in terms of skills and location.

I hope this information is useful.

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Trident

Jonathan Edwards: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many (a) direct and (b) indirect civilian jobs in (i) Scotland and (ii) the rest of the UK rely upon the Trident programme. [113406]

Mr Philip Hammond [holding answer 26 June 2012]: It is not Government policy to compile statistics related to defence spend on equipment or employment in UK regions. However, I am able to provide a broad indication of the extent of employment throughout the UK, which is reliant on the Trident programme by outlining the key locations concerned.

I can confirm that some 6,300 defence jobs are based at Her Majesty's Naval Base Clyde. This base comprises the naval base at Faslane and the Royal Naval Armaments Depot (RNAD) at Coulport. The naval base is the home to a range of Royal Navy ships and submarines including the Vanguard class submarines which carry the UK's strategic nuclear deterrent. RNAD Coulport is responsible for the storage, processing, maintenance and issue of the Trident weapon system. As well as a high proportion of Ministry of Defence civilian and Royal Navy personnel, the jobs at the naval base include contractors from Babcock, Lockheed Martin UK and Rolls-Royce.

Also in Scotland, the work undertaken by Rolls-Royce in respect of nuclear reactors at the Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment, Dounreay, also supports the Trident programme and other nuclear-powered submarines.

For the rest of the UK, four key suppliers directly support the delivery of the Trident programme. The Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) managed and operated by AWE Management Limited is based in Aldermaston and Burghfield; BAE Systems Maritime-Submarines at Barrow-in-Furness; Babcock at Devonport; and Rolls-Royce at Raynesway, Derby.

The ability of these key areas, both in Scotland and the rest of the UK, to deliver their programmes depends heavily on an extensive network of sub-contractors who are working indirectly in support of the Trident programme.