

Grade/Rank	Staff numbers		Costs	
	1991-92	1992-93	1991-92 £	1992-93 £
<i>Industrial</i>				
Chief Steward 1	2-00	2-00	20,148	24,638
Steward 1	2-00	2-00	19,115	20,564
Steward 2	2-00	1-15	18,598	11,459
Mess Hand	11-75	11-59	109,264	122,139
Senior Storekeeper	0-50	—	4,823	—
Storekeeper	2-00	2-41	17,737	20,987
Assistant Storekeeper	0-50	—	4,305	—
Driver	1-00	1-00	8,610	10,438
Labourer	—	2-00	18,598	21,535
<i>Total Civilian</i>	252-75	246-47	3,066,771	3,047,427

I hope this information meets your requirements and is helpful in building the overall picture for staffing and costs for Ministry of Defence executive and defence support agencies.

Consultants

Mr. Simon Hughes: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list all of the reports his Department has commissioned from external consultants in each of the last three years; for each of the last three years, how many reports from external consultants to his Department led to further consultancy work being commissioned, stating for each of these who were the original and subsequent consultants and briefly describing the subject matter of the consultancy work; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Aitken: The information requested is not held centrally and could not be compiled without disproportionate cost and effort.

Plutonium

Mr. Dafis: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will make it his policy to seek amendment of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty to make the stockpiling of weapon-ready plutonium illegal for signatory members.

Mr. Aitken: It is our policy to seek an indefinite extension to the non-proliferation treaty, without amendment.

Naval Emergency Monitoring Organisation

Mr. Cohen: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what is the role and function of the Naval Emergency Monitoring Organisation; what is its annual budget; how many personnel are assigned to it; in what year it was first established; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Archie Hamilton: The role of the Naval Emergency Monitoring Organisation is to provide rapid and effective monitoring advice in the event of a defence radiological incident. It was established in 1961 and currently consists of around 40 full-time and 60 part-time personnel. Because the constituent teams are integrated into other MOD and naval establishments, a full cost breakdown is not available centrally and could be obtained only at disproportionate cost.

Submarines

Mr. Cohen: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what agreements exist covering the use of extremely low frequency radio transmitters in the United States of America for the purpose of communicating with Royal

Navy submarines; and what plans he has to negotiate an agreement for the use of extremely low frequency radio transmitters in the United States of America for the purpose of communicating with Royal Navy submarines.

Mr. Archie Hamilton: We have no such agreements with the United States and no plans to negotiate any.

RAF Jets (50th Anniversary)

Mr. David Atkinson: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence in what ways the forthcoming 50th anniversary of the introduction of jet aircraft to the RAF will be commemorated.

Mr. Archie Hamilton: There are currently no plans to commemorate this anniversary.

Scottish Regiments

Mr. Menzies Campbell: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many representations he has received since 9 April about the proposed amalgamation of Scottish regiments.

Mr. Archie Hamilton: Since 9 April this year, my Department has received some 40 letters which were primarily about the amalgamation of Scottish regiments.

Search and Rescue

Mr. Menzies Campbell: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list for each local government region the number of rescues carried out by search and rescue crews from RAF Leuchars in each of the years (a) 1987, (b) 1988, (c) 1989, (d) 1990, (e) 1991 and (f) 1992 to date.

Mr. Archie Hamilton: Statistical data are not recorded in the form required.

Mr. Menzies Campbell: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence (1) on how many occasions in each year between 1 January 1987 and 31 December 1991 search and rescue helicopters from RAF Leuchars have been involved in operations which required them to begin or to continue flying during the hours of darkness;

(2) on how many occasions since 1 January search and rescue helicopters from RAF Leuchars have been involved in operations which required them to begin or to continue flying during the hours of darkness.

Mr. Archie Hamilton: The number of such operations is:

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