

Proposed reduced frequency of the “Afghanistan and Iraq Amputation Statistics” Official Statistic

SUMMARY

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) currently publishes the Afghanistan and Iraq Amputation Statistics on an annual basis. We are now seeking external users' views on ceasing this publication.

BACKGROUND

This annual report provides statistical information on the number of UK Service personnel who suffered a traumatic or surgical amputation, as a result of deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, the numbers of “significant multiple amputees” and the number of surviving UK Service personnel with an amputation who have been medically discharged are provided.

Information on the number of UK Service personnel who suffered a traumatic or surgical amputation as a result of injuries sustained in locations other than Afghanistan and Iraq are also provided.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGE

Defence Statistics is proposing to cease this Official Statistic as:

- a. The number of amputees from Iraq has decreased, there were fewer than five in 2012-13 and none have been reported since. The number of amputees from Afghanistan has been decreasing with fewer than five in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and five in 2015-16.
- b. Defence Statistics have already reduced the frequency of reporting of amputation statistics from quarterly to annual after performing a public consultation.
- c. Defence Statistics will continue to collect and process the data and produce internal management information where required and respond when asked to Freedom of Information requests and Parliamentary Questions.

TIMINGS

This consultation will run for **four weeks**, 27 July 2017 to 24 August 2017. This consultation complies with the Government's Code of Practice on Consultations.

As long as there is no objection during the consultation period, the cessation of the report will proceed as planned. The publication on 27 July 2017 will be the last Official statistic published and there will be no further reports.

RESPONDING TO THE CONSULTATION

Considering the reasons for the proposed changes, we now invite the feedback of our external data users and are keen to know what impact the reduction of frequency of this publication will have on you.

Ways to respond

If you have any comments on the proposed changes please send:

By email to: DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk

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When sending your comments please include contact details (your name and either e mail address, postal address or telephone number) so that we can follow up if clarification is needed.