

SofS dated 18 September 2013

*Dear Shona,*

Thank you for your letter of 27 August 2013 requesting 72 military personnel to make up 9 flag teams at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. I am pleased to say that the MOD can support your request, noting the wonderful opportunity that this provides to our Armed Forces to play a prominent role in such a nationally significant event.

I have instructed my officials to recoup the marginal costs of approximately £7k for this assistance on the understanding that the Organising Committee will provide catering facilities and transportation for the military personnel. I will instruct my officials to continue to liaise with the Organising Committee to agree the most appropriate way of setting up this arrangement.

With respect to other requests for military assistance to the Games, I will continue to consider them on a case-by-case basis and seek to charge full costs unless there is a particularly compelling case for MOD not to so.

I wish you the best of luck in your delivery of a safe, secure and peaceful 2014 Commonwealth Games.