

Background

MOD has to contribute to the savings across government required by the Chancellor. The total required from MOD is some £1.05 billion of operating cost reductions and capital investment deferrals in-year.

As a consequence, MOD-wide budget reductions and controls are being applied. The impact on the MDP is a budget reduction of £4.7m for 2015-16.

Although all areas of spend will urgently be reviewed, to meet the reduction in-year there has to be an immediate cessation of police overtime in all but exceptional circumstances. There may be some unavoidable impacts on service supply at some sites, but local police commanders are being asked to deliver taskings differently, to reduce some tasking where that can be done without risk to what matters most, and to consider with Heads of Establishments their priorities and the scope to adjust service levels for a period.

MDP will do all it can to minimise the impacts, by close liaison with both staff and customers and in consultation with the MOD Director of Security. The Force will ensure that what matters most is always provided.

Lines to Take (if pressed/needed)

- **Q: Has the MDP budget been cut?**
- A: Yes by £4.7m in year

- **Q: Has MDP been singled out?**
- A: No the savings required are being spread across MOD

- **Q: What is the effect?**
- A: Overtime will not be allowed unless for exceptional requirements and by prior authorisation. Controls on other spend such as travel and subsistence and civilian recruitment will be applied.

- **Q: Will overtime controls be relaxed soon?**
- A: That is unlikely.

- **Q: Can we save money elsewhere in the MDP budget?**
- A: We are reviewing all spend to do so if we can.

- **Q: How will this budget reduction affect our service delivery to our customers?**
- A: It will require us to prioritise, to do more with less but there may be some unavoidable site by site impacts to discuss with our customers.

- **Q: How can we minimise the effects?**
- A: By looking at how we can use all our officers most effectively, rolling out a new model of policing sites where we can, and by being flexible on tasking and ways of delivery, as well as by a dialogue with local MOD customers.

- **Q: Does this mean security will be compromised?**

- A: No. We will work with local customers and the Director of MOD Security to ensure all essential security is maintained
- **Q: Will the in-year savings measures continue beyond this year?**
- A: They are in-year only as yet, but we assume may be required again in the future.
- **Q: Does this in year budget cut mean job losses or VERS for the MDP?**
- A: No.
- **Q: Will police recruitment stop because of the in year saving?**
- A: No. We continue as now to recruit to close the gap on complement.
- **Q: Does this mean anything for SDSR and MDP?**
- A: No this is a budgetary in-year measure for 2015-16.



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