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- As part of an overall MOD review of policing and guarding across the Defence estate, which reported in 2012, changes were made to the deployment of MOD Police at a number of sites across the UK including RNAS Yeovilton. A decision was made to remove the MOD Police complement from Yeovilton and deploy officers elsewhere. The complement at the time was in the region of a dozen or so officers.
- There was at the same time a voluntary early release programme for all MOD staff including MOD police, & some officers took advantage of the scheme to leave the Force (to take early retirement in most cases).
- The review's overall conclusions were announced to Parliament on 27 March 2012, in a statement by the then Minister, Rt Hon Andrew Robathan MP. Details of the changes at each site affected were not published since that information is, for many sites affected, security-sensitive. Generally speaking, the exact number of officers is not released routinely in respect of security deployment.
- As in many other parts of the country, local police made new arrangements, where they saw fit, to take account of the re-deployment of MOD Police.

Background

- The review concluded that that there was scope for some prudent changes at some MOD sites and following consultation with the relevant Trades Unions and MoD Police Staff Associations, the changes were largely implemented.
- The MOD continues to safeguard Defence sites, people, assets and information and would never contemplate changes that would place these in jeopardy.

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