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Dear

Thank you for your email of 30 December 2014 requesting the following information:

“How many named operational deployments has the MOD supported since 2010 to date? Can this be broken down by start and end month, geographic location (or region), type of mission (combat operations, support to civilian authorities, disaster relief, humanitarian aid etc), and magnitude of contribution (10s, 100s, 1000s of personnel)?”

You then clarified on the 5 February 2015 that you were content with the following definition of an operation.

- *Minimum personnel of 100 at any given time. However, if an operation of fewer than 100 personnel is deemed to be significant, and to have received public attention, it will also be included.*
- *Where a major operation has encompassed a number of smaller operations, then only the major operation will be included.*
- *Where operations have changed name or format, but remained consistent in terms of location and numbers of personnel/assets, this will be considered as one operation.”*

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found at annex A.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the following public statements, which can be found

Parliamentary Question 214601: Armed Forces Deployment, dated 23 Mar 2015

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what operations have involved the deployment of UK armed forces personnel since 2010.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers->

[statements/written-questions-answers/?page=1&max=20&questiontype=AllQuestions&house=commons%2clords&use-dates=True&answered-from=2014-11-18&answered-to=2015-04-01&member=1470&dept=11&keywords=operations&uin=214601](http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers/?page=1&max=20&questiontype=AllQuestions&house=commons%2clords&use-dates=True&answered-from=2014-11-18&answered-to=2015-04-01&member=1470&dept=11&keywords=operations&uin=214601)

The Annual Report and Accounts

2010-2011. - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-resource-accounts-2010-11>

2011-2012. - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-annual-report-and-accounts-2011-12>

2012-2013. - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-annual-report-and-accounts-201213>

2013-2014. - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2013-to-2014>

Parliamentary Question 214595: Armed Forces Deployment, dated 2 Mar 2015

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many deployments of UK military personnel have been on the basis of a UN resolution in the last five years; what the cost of those deployments has been; and what funds the UN has contributed towards the cost of those deployments.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-answers/?page=1&max=20&questiontype=AllQuestions&house=commons%2clords&uin=214595>

Parliamentary Question 120731: Armed Forces Deployment, dated 27 Nov 2012

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence if he will list all the operations on which UK forces have served alongside the forces of other European nations in the last five years; and which countries participated in each case.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121127/text/121127w0001.htm#12112798000001>

Parliamentary Question 120532: Armed Forces Deployment, dated 17 Sep 2012

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many deployments of UK military personnel have been on the basis of a UN resolution in the last five years; what the cost of those deployments was to date; and what funds the UN contributed financially towards the cost of such deployments.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120917/text/120917w0001.htm#12091715000002>

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role

and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

PJHQ J8-FOI-Secretariat

The Ministry of Defence carries out a wide variety of operations, including many operations involving only a few personnel or which have a short duration. It is therefore not possible within reasonable time and cost constraints to provide the exact number of operations irrespective of size or duration, nor has it been possible to break this data down by the start and end dates, or the magnitude of the contribution.

The list below, gives a general overview of significant operations carried out by the Ministry of Defence since 2010. It does not include the following standing commitments, which can cover a range of operational activity:

- Continuous at-sea Deterrence
- Counter-terrorist policing of UK airspace
- NATO air policing mission within Europe
- Military support to national EOD capability in the UK
- Standing maritime patrol tasks, including UK and Overseas Territories
- Military support to Search and Rescue Operations

List of significant operational activity carried out by Defence since 2010: -

Region	Activity / Type of Mission
South Asia	Operations in Afghanistan, including as a contributor to the International Security Assistance Force and Resolute Support Mission
Middle East	Operations in Iraq, including subsequent training of Iraqi forces until 2011 under Op TELIC
East Africa	Support to UN Stabilisation mission in Sudan and South Sudan
East Africa	UK support to EU NAVFOR under counter-piracy Op ATALANTA off the coast of Somalia
Central Africa	Support to UN Stabilisation mission MONUSCO in the Democratic Republic of Congo
East Africa	NATO counter-piracy operation OCEAN SHIELD
South Asia	Humanitarian aid mission response to floods in Pakistan
United Kingdom	Military support in severe cold weather in the UK
Europe	Transport of UK nationals following disruption of air travel by ash cloud from volcanic eruption in Iceland
Pacific Ocean	Haiti natural disaster relief
North Africa	Military operations in Libya including support to NATO Op UNIFIED PROTECTOR
North Africa	Military support to evacuation of British Eligible Personnel from Libya, 2011
United Kingdom	Military support to security for the 2012 London Olympics
Middle East	Support to removal and destruction of Syrian chemical weapons
South East Asia	Humanitarian aid response to natural disaster in the Philippines
West Africa	Support to French military operations and subsequent support to EU Training Mission (EUTM) and UN stabilisation mission (MINUSMA) in Mali
United Kingdom	Military support to security for G8 Summit
United Kingdom	Military support in response to East Coast flooding
United Kingdom	Military support to Dept of Communities and Local Government resilience plans to cover fire fighter industrial action
Middle East	Air campaign against ISIL and associated training missions in Iraq and Syria
Indian Ocean	Search for missing airliner MH370 in the Indian Ocean
Central Africa	Military operation to support Nigeria in response to Boko Haram abductions of

	female students
North Africa	Military support to evacuation of British Eligible Personnel from Libya, 2014
West Africa	UK response to Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone
United Kingdom	Military support in response to winter flooding in the UK
United Kingdom	Military support to security for Commonwealth Games in Glasgow
United Kingdom	Military support to security for NATO summit in Wales
Europe	Support to EU Op ALTHEA mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Europe	Baltic Air Policing
United Kingdom	Military support to Department of Health resilience plans to cover ambulance driver industrial action
Central Africa	Support to French and subsequently EUFORCAR in the Central African Republic
Middle East	Defence presence in the Gulf, including maritime security operations in the Gulf and counter-piracy operations
East Africa	Stabilisation support in East Africa, including counter-piracy, counter-narcotics, counter terrorism; and capacity building for counter-terrorism, border security, aviation security
Europe	Support to UNFICYP mission in Cyprus
Europe	NATO maritime policing of Mediterranean under Op ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR