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Dear Shona,

Thank you for your letter of 8 November 2013 requesting ceremonial support at the 2014 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony. Once again, I am pleased to confirm that the MOD can support your requests.

The band will be made up from personnel serving in the Scots Guards and Royal Regiment of Scotland (including Pipers from 2 SCOTS). The trumpeters would be drawn from the Royal Marines Band Service. The Search and Rescue Sea King helicopter will be provided by the Royal Navy, with the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team providing the Red Arrows. I have instructed my officials to liaise directly with your staff.

Consistent with the charging regime for the flag teams that Philip Hammond confirmed in his letter of 18 September 2013, the MOD will seek to recoup the marginal costs for this additional support. These will be approximately:

- Bands and Trumpeters - £6k.
- Red Arrows - £27k plus £2k insurance.
- Sea King - £1k plus £400 insurance.

Once again, I welcome the offer that the Organising Committee has made to provide catering and transport support.

Technically, requests for military assistance from Devolved Administrations should be made by the relevant Territorial Office, and it would be welcomed if any future requests are submitted through the Secretary of State for Scotland to whom I am copying this letter.

*Yours ever,
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