

Good evening [REDACTED]

I am copying the team here into your suggested lines and we'll have a look at them as we might try to expand slightly on what we tell media – as you say if we don't give anything else their inclination is to simply make it up or speculate... **I note that your Dep Chief Constable wishes the MDP line to remain that “We don't discuss security”.**

- The deployment of armed officers from the MOD Police in support of the Queens Life Guards in Whitehall is a part of enhanced security arrangements for Defence assets in London and elsewhere
- These arrangements reflect both the current UK threat level, and security issues and incidents in other countries
- All security arrangements are reviewed on a continuous basis, but for obvious reasons we do not discuss those arrangements in public
- **For MDP people** - The MOD Police has an exceptionally large number of armed officers on duty at any given time, since it is primarily an armed Force, whose main role is the protection of key Defence assets including the UK's nuclear deterrent.

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Best regards

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