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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your further email of 22 May 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) refining your request in response to my letter of 18 May 2023.

You have now requested the following information:

*" This is a refinement of FOI2023/04617 which asked:
I would like to request the following information.*

- How many civil servants in your department are based in offices outside London - and can you provide a breakdown by location (eg Leeds, Manchester, Wolverhampton)?

- How many civil servants are there currently working in your department in total?

- Since 2018 when the Places for Growth programme was launched, how many times has a Minister or Secretary of State visited in person or worked at one of your department's bases (or those of your predecessor department) outside London? Please provide the date, location and the name of the Minister.

I'd like to refine my request to offices and visits in the 2023 calendar year".

I am 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 MOD and I can confirm that all information is held in scope of your request.

The answers to your first two questions are withheld under Section 21 of the FOIA (Information reasonably available by other means). However, under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that the information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-statistics-for-uk-regular-armed-forces-and-civilians-2022>

Civilian numbers by region are at Table 2.1a and breakdown by Local Authority is at Tables 3.1a-3.9a of the above link.

Please see the table below in answer to your third question.

Date(s)	Minister Visiting	Location	Reason for visit
10 January 2023	Minister for Armed Forces (Min AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	Windsor	Attend MBDA Dinner
11 January 2023	Minister for Defence People and Veterans Min(DPV) Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP	Harrogate	Visit to Army Foundation College
12 January 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	Shrivenham	Address Intermediate Staff College Course
18 January 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	Various	Visit potential sites to house asylum seekers with Immigration minister
18 January 2023	Secretary of State for Defence (SofS) Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Belfast	Announce award of 1.6 bn contract to build 3 Fleet solid support ships
19 January 2023	Minister Defence Procurement Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Shrivenham	Deliver a speech to ACSC course
23 January 2023	Min(DPV) Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP	Loughborough	Visit to Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre
24 January 2023	Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Edinburgh	Steel cut
25 January 2023	Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Derby	Industry site visit
26 January 2023	Min(DPV) Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP	Norcross, Blackpool	View services for Armed Forces personnel and Veterans
31 January 2023	Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Saisbury	Army and INFRA visit
1-2 February 223	Sof S Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Salisbury and Portsmouth	Visits with Australian Defence Minister and bilateral meetings
1 February 2023	Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Edinburgh	MECC
2 February 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	Hereford	Officers Week
2 February 2023	Minister in the House of Lords Min(Lords) Baroness Goldie DL	INTERFLEX training camp	Visit Ukranian troops with CJO and Norwegian CJO
3 February 2023	SofS Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Salisbury	NCF visit and discussion with Cyber Partnership stakeholders
6 February 2023	SofS Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Cammell laird	Visit for National Apprenticeship day with Education Secretary
9 February 2023	Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Walney Airfield	BAE Systems Overview
22 February 2023	SofS Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Bovington	Visit INTERFLEX training
22 February 2023	Min(Lords)	Taunton	Visit to UK Hydrographic

	Baroness Goldie DL		Office
23 February 2023	Min(Lords) Baroness Goldie DL	Cardiff	Engage with single services and Welsh Government officials on Defence matters
23 February 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	Warminster	Visit INTERFLEX training
27 February 2023	Min(DPV) Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP	Sandhurst	View Phase 1 training
1 March 2023	Min(Lords) Baroness Goldie DL	RAF Brize Norton	Sustainable aviation fuel flight visit ahead of HCDC appearance
9 March 2023	Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Chester	Industry Site visit
9 March 2023	Min(DPV) Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP	Knook Camp	To visit INTERFLEX training
16 March 2023	Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Barrow	Industry Site visit
16 March 2023	Min(Lords) Baroness Goldie DL	Edinburgh	Attend launch of Commonwealth War Graves Foundation
17 March 2023	Min(DPV) Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP	Greenwich	Invictus Team launch
23 March 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	RAF Waddington	Visit to 13 Sqn,51 Sqn and Air and Space Warfare Centre
27 March 2023	Min(DPV) Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP	Tilshead	Operation Nightingale
30 March 2023	SofS Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Camberley	Visit to RMA Sandhurst to meet Army Cadets and talk to woman in Army
4 April 2023	Min(DP) Alex Chalk KC MP	Glasgow	Steel cut
27 April 2023	Min(DP) James Cartlidge MP	Bristol	Introduction to DE&S
27 April 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	Ditchley Park	Attended Conference
3 May 2023	SofS Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Barrow-In - Furness	Visit to BAE Systems with Australian Prime Minister
3 May 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	DSTL	Programmes Visit (Classified)
4 May 2023	SofS Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Gloucester	Visit to Allied Rapid Reaction Corps HQ
4 May 2023	Min(DP) James Cartidge MP	RAF Brize Norton	Introduction to RAF Brize Norton
4 May 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	Down Hall Essex	Conference on European Defence Industrial Capacity
10 May 2023	SofS Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Salisbury	Visit Field Army on SPTA
11 May 2023	Min(DP) James Cartlidge MP	Salisbury	Interflex /P J Lewis visit

19 May 2023	Min(DP) James Cartlidge MP	Benbecula	OP Formidable Shield
20 May 2023	Min(AF) Rt Hon James Heapey MP	Torquay	Address the Royal British Legion Conference
26 May 2023	SofS Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP	Liverpool	Attend Battle of the Atlantic Memorial

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Yours sincerely



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