

SUMMARY OF SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE DSMA COMMITTEE COVERING ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD 18 OCT 23 – 16 APR 24

During this 6-month period, the DSMA secretariat received 70 inquiries and requests for DSMA Notice advice, an increase over the previous period (37) but still below the 10-year average (79). Twenty Four requests were initiated by members of the UK media, 34 by Government officials and 12 by members of the public.

The number of requests for advice on particular topics was:

UK Special Forces	12	Counter-Terrorism	0
Intelligence Agencies	9	Physical Property & Assets	1
Cyber	0	DSMA Notice System	11
Current & Recent Military Ops	14	Historical	2
Military Equipment	3	Miscellaneous	10
Nuclear Weapons	8		

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). The Committee visited the NCSC in mid September, the first time it had done so since the NCSC's formation in October 2016.

Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP). The Committee considered the updated proposal to incorporate CTP into the DSMA Notice system. The Media-Side of the Committee agreed to meet separately to discuss the matter in greater depth and develop a way ahead.

Diversity & Inclusivity. The Committee was presented with the findings of a recent, voluntary, anonymous survey to determine the Diversity & Inclusivity characteristics of committee members. The survey was to be used as a base line for future reference.

Presentations. During this period, the Committee's Secretary presented to:

- The Government Press Office – 5 Apr
- The Home Office – 20 Sep

Other Events. Secretariat members participated in:

- The annual Scottish Newspaper Society reception in the House of Commons on 3 May 23.
- Oxford Media Network seminar – *A World in Flux* on 23 May 23.