

The estimated cost for the Eurofighter Typhoon is £4.7 million for 2004–05. This annual average will increase over time as the number of hours flown by each aircraft increases.

The figures in the table are based on the Actual Operating Fleet (average annual number of aircraft available to the RAF).

**Mr. Gerald Howarth:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what the average annual support cost is per (a) Tornado GR, (b) Jaguar GR1/A/3/3A, (c) Jaguar T2A/T4 and (d) Tornado F3; and what the estimated average support cost is per Eurofighter. [190057]

**Mr. Ingram:** The average annual cost incurred by the Defence Logistics Organisation (at 2004–05 prices) to support a Tornado aircraft is £1.6 million and £1.5 million for the Jaguar. As many of the spares and much of the equipment used to support an aircraft fleet is common across all variants, it is not possible to accurately attribute costs to individual marks of aircraft.

Based on through-life support estimates it is expected that the total, Defence-wide, annual average support cost (at 2004–05 prices) for a Eurofighter aircraft will be £2.2 million.

As part of our drive to transform logistics we are working with industry to reduce the costs of supporting in-service aircraft, including the future fast-jet fleet.

#### Provigil

**Mr. Hancock:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what quantities of Provigil and similar drugs have been purchased by his Department in each of the last five years; and at what cost. [187495]

**Mr. Caplin:** The quantity and cost of Provigil purchased by the MOD in the last five years is as follows:

Financial Year (1 April to 31 March)	Volume of purchase (30 × 100mg pack)	Average price per pack excluding VAT (£)	Total (£)
1999	141	52.21	7,361.61
2000	52	53.85	2,800.20
2001	175	53.85	9,423.75
2002	146	53.85	7,862.10
2003	89	53.85	4,792.65
2004 (to date)	117	53.85	6,300.45
Total	720	—	38,540.76

<sup>1</sup> 720 packs x 30 tablets = 21,600 tablets.

#### Renewable Energy (Departmental Use)

**Mr. Breed:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what proportion of electricity used by buildings in (a) his Department and (b) its agencies has come from renewable sources in each year since 1997. [181291]

**Mr. Caplin:** The Ministry of Defence and its agencies did not purchase any electricity from climate change levy exempt sources until 2002–03 when 2.8 per cent. was acquired from such sources. The estimate for 2003–04 is 5 per cent. based on the minimum percentage specified in electricity supply contracts. Actual figures for 2003–04 are not yet available.

#### Territorial Army

**Mr. Soames:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what (a) the total strength of the Territorial Army, (b) the number of mobilised reservists and (c) the current Territorial Army deployment figures are. [187954]

**Mr. Caplin:** The information is as follows:

As at 1 September 2004:

- (a) the total strength of Territorial Army was 35,480;
- (b) the number of Army mobilised Regular Reservists was 100;
- (c) the number of mobilised TA personnel was 2,200.

#### UN Operations

**Harry Cohen:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence pursuant to his oral statement of 10 May 2004, *Official Report*, columns 21–39, on Iraq, whether the routine hooding of prisoners in UK facilities in Iraq was contrary to instructions; on what basis the routine hooding was authorised, and by whom; whether hooding continues of Iraqis by UK forces outside UK facilities; whether hooding by UK forces outside facilities is contrary to instructions; and if he will make a statement. [173024]

**Mr. Hoon:** Prisoners held in UK detention facilities in Iraq have not, at any time, been routinely hooded.

Hooding was discontinued in Iraq when there was no longer a military justification for continuing the practice. Hooding during arrest and transit is acceptable when there is a strong military reason to do it, for example to offer security to our own forces and locations or to protect the detainee (by preventing identification by other detainees).

#### Welsh Regiments

**Mr. Wiggin:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many regiments will be based in Wales following the review of the infantry. [189710]

**Mr. Ingram:** Details of the new infantry structure and the associated implications for the Army's basing strategy are currently being worked through by the Army and the hon. Member will understand that I cannot pre-empt this work. Further announcements will be made before the end of this year.

#### DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

##### English Heritage

**Mr. Sheerman:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister if he will evaluate the quality of the advice given to his Department by English Heritage. [190165]

**Keith Hill:** English Heritage provides the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister with advice on a range of matters. These include the review of the planning system, and characterisation of growth areas. The Government are satisfied with the advice provided, and does not see the need for a more formal evaluation.