

The latest UK Defence Statistics produced by Defence Analytical Services and Advice (DASA), was published earlier today.

Key Points

Chapter 1 - Finance

In 2010/11, Defence Spending totalled £39.5 billion. Estimated MOD Equipment Expenditure for 2010/11 was nearly £14 billion. In 2010/11, the MOD spent just under £3.9 billion on conflict prevention worldwide. The net additional cost incurred by the MOD as a result of operations in Afghanistan was around £3.8 billion. The net additional cost of operations in Libya was reported as £22 million for period up to the end of 2010/11: operations began in March 2011.

Chapter 2 - Personnel

The full-time trained strength of the UK Armed Forces was 176,810 at 1 April 2011, down 1,030 (0.6%) since 1 April 2010 and down 11,240 (6.4%) since 1 April 2005. The deficit between strength and requirement of full-time trained Armed Forces was 2,440 or 1.3% at 1 April 2011. This deficit has increased from 910 at 1 April 2010 but decreased from 7,880 or 4% at 1 April 2000. The intake to UK Regular Forces from civil life was 12,800 in the financial year 2010/11. This was a decrease of 9,010 (41.3%) when compared with 2009/10. Total outflow of personnel from the UK Regular Armed Forces has fallen year on year since 2006/07. The outflow of personnel from the UK Regular Armed Forces was 18,150 in 2010/11.

Chapter 3 - Health

In 2010, a total of 187 deaths occurred among the UK Regular Armed Forces. Since the start of the reporting period in 2001 until the end of 2010, there have been 348 UK fatalities on operations in Afghanistan and 179 on operations in Iraq.