

ARMED FORCES PARLIAMENTARY SCHEME

Basic Programme

To be varied according to arm.

“The embedded attachment” is an essential part of the 22 day minimum participation chosen from a 30 day programme to be completed within one calendar year.

* = obligatory days.

The participant should obtain an insight into service employment at the level of a Lt Cdr, Major, Sqn Ldr.

A visit exceeding four hours counts as a day,
one exceeding two hours counts as half a day.

Introductory Day (1 day)*

- Meet two star or above for briefing at MoD with secretariat support
- Arrangements for collection of uniform

Headquarters Operations (1 day)*

- Meet with four star Commander in Chief, Fleet, Land or Air at their headquarters.
- Support Staff for general briefing.

Overview of the Armed Forces (2.5 days)*

- Attend at Shrivenham near Swindon from Sunday evening to Tuesday evening at the Defence Academy in order to listen to morning lectures on the services and how they are structured and in the afternoon of one day to fire the latest small arms on the range and on the other to inspect current tactical vehicles and heavy weapons in the shed.

Embedded attachment (5 consecutive days)*

- Meet with Commanding Officer and Senior Officers and Warrant Officers
- Preferably on operations to meet and work with the:
 - Minor Unit Commander
 - Unit Assistant Commanders
 - Unit Warrant Officer
 - Sergeants
 - Men and Women rank and file
- This is the most important part of the whole programme and is that most appreciated by members of parliament.

Service Recruitment (1 day)*

- Visit at least one recruiting office preferably in a members constituency and watch the recruiting process

Basic Training Units (1 day)*

- View all aspect of training and provisions for retraining.
- Assess the methods used by instructors.
- Examine ethos of respective arms as taught to recruits.

Officer Training Units (1 day)*

- View all types of training for the development of officer leadership qualities.
- Assess the methods used by instructors.

Pre Operational Training (4 days)

- Visit a unit preparing for a deployment in the near future.

Disciplinary Procedures (1 day)

- See disciplinary procedures in operation either at a Court Martial or on unit orders.
- Discuss issues with the Legal Services.

Visit a Specialised Unit (6 days)

- To see the work in action of:-
 - Engineering
 - Communications
 - Ordnance
 - Gunnery
 - Special Forces
 - Policing
 - Medical Services
 - Welfare Services

Chilwell Pre Deployment Facility (2 days)

- See the subjects covered for those about to be deployed to operational theatres.
- Attend for medical examination if deploying
- Draw kit for deployment if deploying.

Attend a Reserve Forces Weekend (2.5 days)

- To meet the Officers, Warrant Officers, Sgts and Personnel to see what motivates them.

Visit a Cadet Unit (1 day)

- Meet Officers, Civilian Instructors, Warrant Officers and Members to study recruiting and the possible incidence of transfers to regular careers.

Attend a University Training Unit (1 day)

- To meet and see undergraduates in training and those who are likely to make the service a career.