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Veterans Scotland Members and Armed Forces
and Veterans Champions

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Dear Sir or Madam,

As the Scottish Veterans Minister I am committed to building on the work highlighted in our second Annual Update to the Scottish Parliament in September last year.

I will provide the third Annual Update to Parliament on the Scottish Government's support for veterans and the Armed Forces Community next week through a Parliamentary debate. This debate will provide an opportunity to highlight work from across the public sector over the past year to support our Armed Forces, veterans and their families.

The debate will take place on Tuesday 3 December at 1535 and I would be delighted if you can attend in person. Tickets for a place in the Parliament's public gallery can be obtained via the following link <http://www.parliament.scot/visitandlearn/24230.aspx>.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch proceedings on the Parliament's live TV channel on <https://www.scottishparliament.tv/>.

As you are aware we worked collaboratively with both the UK and Welsh Governments in developing the UK-wide Veterans Strategy which was published in November 2018. Since then the Scottish and UK Governments have consulted extensively on the Strategy.

We had planned to publish our response to those consultations before the end of the year. However, following a request from the UK Government due to the current election period restrictions, we are delaying the publication until January in line with the collaborative approach to the development of the joint Strategy and in an attempt to align the timing of our response with the UK and Welsh Governments. We will make you aware as soon as a date has been finalised.

I look forward to seeing you on 3 December.

Best wishes,



Graeme Dey

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