Dear Tobias,

A letter from a member of the public about the proportion of senior officers in the Armed Forces prompts me to ask when the Ministry of Defence last carried out a comprehensive review of the job descriptions of officers of field rank and compared their numbers with those in the forces of other countries, in particular of the USA.

Yours ever,

Julian

Rt Hon. Dr Julian Lewis
Chairman of the Committee

By coincidence, as the attached transcript extract shows, the matter came up at our hearing on 27 February.