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To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, who is responsible for bearing the cost of each development on a US base in the UK. (42435)

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The US forces use land and buildings in the UK in accordance with the terms of the North Atlantic Treaty – Agreement regarding the Status of Forces of Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (UK ratification 13 May 1945) and the Cost Sharing Arrangement (CSA) (1973).

The US authorities are responsible for bearing the cost of any development, unless that development is a requirement of UK legislation or Ministry of Defence policy and there is no equivalent United States legal or policy requirement, in which case the costs fall to the Department.

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I refer the hon. Member to the answer I gave on 7 December 2010 (Official Report, columns 225-6W).

RAF Welford

Fabian Hamilton: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what powers the unarmed guards assigned to duties at the US base at RAF Welford have. [28506]

Mr Robathan: All Ministry of Defence (MOD) Guard Service personnel have the power to make a citizen's arrest.

In addition to this, MOD Guard Service at RAF Welford also have a power of arrest as a crown servant under the RAF Welford bye-laws. These are authorised by the appropriate authority, who in this case is the RAF Station Commander at Welford.

Fabian Hamilton: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what the cost to the public purse is of the security enhancement to the US base at RAF Welford; and from which budget the expenditure was drawn. [28507]

Mr Robathan: RAF Welford is made available to the United States Visiting Force (USVF) under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement of 1951. The cost of the

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physical security enhancements made at the base was therefore met by the United States Air Force at no cost to the public purse.