# SUMMARY OF SECRETARY’S REPORT TO THE DSMA COMMITTEE COVERING ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD 18 OCT 23 – 16 APR 24

During the last 6-month period, the DSMA secretariat received 73 requests for DSMA Notice advice, an increase over the previous period (50) but still below the 10-year average (83). The Secretariat issued two supplementary DSMA notices in connection with UK operations in the Middle East. Twenty-Six requests were initiated by members of the UK media, 34 by Government officials and 13 by members of the public.

The number of requests for advice on specific topics was:

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| UK Special Forces | 12 | Counter-Terrorism |  0 |
| Intelligence Agencies | 10 | Physical Property & Assets |  1 |
| Cyber |  0 | DSMA Notice System | 12 |
| Current & Recent Military Ops | 15 | Historical |  2 |
| Military Equipment |  3 | Miscellaneous | 10 |
| Nuclear Weapons |  8 |  |  |

Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP). The Committee considered the updated proposal to incorporate CTP into the DSMA Notice system. The Media-Side indicated it was ready to share its proposed text changes to the standing notices and importantly, noted a number of caveats on the incorporation.

Presentations. During this period, the Committee’s Secretary delivered DSMA Notice system presentations to:

Eight universities in England and Scotland.

Media Section, Media & Entertainments Arts Alliance, Australia

Centre for the Regulation of the Creative Economy (CREATe)

Defence Intelligence Staff and UK SF Directorate