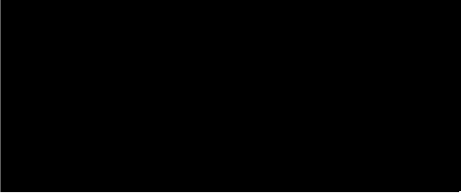
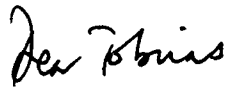




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Thank you for your letter on the 18 May about the provision of support available to UK veterans residing on the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

The Ministry of Justice has overall responsibility for the constitutional relationship between the UK Government and the Crown Dependencies, however, each Government department has its own responsibility to ensure the needs of those living in Crown Dependencies are met. The Strategy for Our Veterans focuses on veterans residing in the United Kingdom; however, the UK Government provides a range of support for veterans living overseas. This includes the payment of pensions, for example, Gurkha veterans who reside in Nepal. Any UK Armed Forces veteran is able to contact Veterans UK from anywhere in the world if they require support. Working in concert with our network of Embassies and High Commissions around the world we will explore what support can be provided based on an individual's circumstances.

Veterans living on the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands are able to contact Veterans UK directly. In addition to this the Isle of Man Government employs two staff who work on behalf of Veterans UK's Welfare Service. The role of these staff members is to manage referrals for support from the Island to Veterans UK. In the Channel Islands, Veterans UK works with the Governments of Jersey and Guernsey as well as the Royal British Legion to manage requests for support, via their team in Gosport. If necessary, members of Veterans UK will arrange for a member of their Welfare team to travel to the Channel Islands to undertake face to face client surgeries. Alternative support is provided by telephone and other means of digital communication.

Yours sincerely,



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I should be grateful if you could set out for the Committee what services provided by your Department, whether directly or through other bodies, are available to UK veterans resident in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

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