

**3.13 Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement of the Minister for External Relations regarding the relationship between Jersey and Estonia (OQ.87/2025):**

Given the positive relationship that has developed to date between Jersey and Estonia, will the Minister advise what impact, if any, the U.K.'s decision to reduce its military footprint in that country will have on our future relations with Estonia?

**Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter (The Minister for External Relations):**

Jersey's external relations are constitutionally distinct from those of the U.K.; however, they remain closely aligned, particularly in areas of shared interest. Decisions regarding the footprint of the British Armed Forces in Estonia are a matter of U.K. defence policy. While the broader impact of this decision is not yet known, Jersey will continue to value its strong and positive bilateral relationship with Estonia.

**3.13.1 Deputy K.M. Wilson:**

Does the Minister foresee this decision affecting Jersey's broader diplomatic and strategic relationships within the region and elsewhere?

**Deputy I.J. Gorst:**

I can only reiterate the answer that I gave to the opening question: that our interests are distinct and we maintain those interests. Matters of defence and the footprint of the British Armed Forces are matters for the United Kingdom Government.