

## **Cereal Fields<sup>1</sup>**

### **Mr. Teddy Taylor**

To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food how many reports he has received of the flattening of circular areas in cereal fields in the south-west and other areas of England respectively: and if he will make a statement.

### **Mr. Ryder**

The flattening of circular areas in cereal fields is a phenomenon known to occur from time to time. It is confined to winter cereal crops and is more prevalent in dry seasons, but we have no arrangements for recording such occurrences and therefore cannot comment on their frequency.

## **Cereal Fields<sup>2</sup>**

### **Mr. Teddy Taylor**

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what progress has been made in the inquiries initiated by Army helicopters based in the

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south-west in investigating the origin of flattened circular areas of wheat; and if he will make a statement.

### **Mr. Neubert**

The Ministry of Defence is not conducting any inquiries into the origins of flattened circular areas of crops. However, we are satisfied that they are not caused by service helicopter activity.

### **Cornfield Circles<sup>3</sup>**

### **Mr. Colvin**

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if he will call for a report from the chief constables of Hampshire and Wiltshire on their investigations into the cornfield circles in Hampshire and Wiltshire; what is the estimated cost of these investigations; and if he will make a statement.

### **Mr. Hurd**

I understand from the chief constables of Hampshire and Wiltshire that there have been

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no investigations into the cornfield circles by their officers.

## **Cornfield Circles<sup>4</sup>**

### **Mr. Colvin**

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence whether any official assistance has been given by service personnel to civilians investigating the origin of cornfield circles in Hampshire and Wiltshire; and if he will make a statement.

### **Mr. Archie Hamilton**

I am not aware of any official assistance having been given by service personnel to civilians investigating the origin of crop circles.

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