

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I will have to refer to a chart to give you that information. It is a chart which you have, incidentally. It is part of the brief that I prepared for the Committee the last time I was here.

The total manpower—men that is—who man the fleet as we have it now, including the ships program, is 17,500. The number we had at the time I left the service was some 14,500—reading it roughly off the graph—so we were about 3,000 people. I think the actual figure I used at the briefing was 2,600 people short of the numbers needed to meet the program.

Mr. HARKNESS: There are roughly 18,000 personnel in the navy at the present time. What are the remainder of these people?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I was referring only to men, not officers.

Mr. HARKNESS: I see. What would be the total including officers?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Under integration it is impossible to assess the total number of officers required. So many officers of the navy are used in positions which are open to officers of the three services that the establishment has to be based on an over-all requirement for officers, rather than a single requirement to man ships or an aircraft. I am afraid that I cannot give you that kind of information. You would have to ask that question of Air Marshall Reyno, and I suppose the way to ask it would be to ask how many professionals in each of the separate fighting environments is necessary within the organization.

Mr. HARKNESS: As a professional naval officer of high competence I thought you were the best witness to state the number of personnel required to keep these ships in operation, and that is why I asked you the question. But your answer essentially is 17,500 men, plus how many officers?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: We kept a fleet of about that size with about 1,700 officers previously; I would have thought something of that order.

Mr. HARKNESS: In view of the fact—as we were told on Thursday by the Minister—that only 16 of these 28 ships are now in full operation, is it your view this is due to a shortage of trained men?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I do not want to duck your question, Mr. Harkness, but I do not have access to detailed information about what changes are contemplated, and how ships are being manned, or the re-engagement strength of the forces at this very moment. So all I can do is make a guess. But I suggest that the situation, as far as the destroyers are concerned, is not as bad as I predicted, because the refit of *Bonaventure* has been very considerably delayed. The demands for personnel to man her have also been delayed and so presumably, there are people available to keep the destroyers in operation for a little longer.

Mr. HARKNESS: How long?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Well, I am afraid I am just six months too late to give you an accurate answer to the question.

Mr. HARKNESS: Well, in view of the fact that *Bonaventure* is in for refit plus, apparently, seven other vessels, and in spite of that fact apparently there are four of the destroyers not in operation, but are tied up because they are not fully manned, what conclusion do you reach from those facts?