

MP pushes for National Lottery opportunity for armed forces

Mark Lancaster is pushing for serving soldiers to be able to play the National Lottery.

The city MP uncovered the 'unreasonable' restrictions on armed forces staff to be able to play the lottery while abroad in a Parliamentary question.

Lottery players must live in the UK or Isle of Man and armed forces personnel can open an account online if they are in a country when it is legal to do so.

However, in the majority of countries, local laws forbid the purchase of foreign lotteries, the Milton Keynes North MP – a serving Territorial Army officer – discovered.

In fact, in its response to Mr Lancaster, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport revealed that from December, Camelot will amend so that players will only be able to set up or amend their direct debit, or purchase games online, when they are physically located in the UK.