House of Commons
Defence Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2013-14
The Defence Committee

The Defence Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Ministry of Defence and its associated public bodies.

Current membership

Rory Stewart MP (Conservative, Penrith and The Border) (Chair)
Mr Julian Brazier MP (Conservative, Canterbury)
Rt Hon Jeffrey M. Donaldson MP (Democratic Unionist, Lagan Valley)
Mr James Gray MP (Conservative, North Wiltshire)
Mr Dai Havard MP (Labour, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)
Mr Adam Holloway MP (Conservative, Gravesham)
Mrs Madeleine Moon MP (Labour, Bridgend)
Sir Bob Russell (Liberal Democrat, Colchester)
Bob Stewart MP (Conservative, Beckenham)
Ms Gisela Stuart MP (Labour, Birmingham, Edgbaston)
Derek Twigg MP, (Labour, Halton)
John Woodcock MP (Lab/Co-op, Barrow and Furness)

The following were also Members of the Committee during the Parliament

Rt Hon James Arbuthnot MP (Conservative, North East Hampshire) (former Chair)
Thomas Docherty MP (Labour, Dunfermline and West Fife)
Mr John Glen MP (Conservative, Salisbury).
Mr Mike Hancock MP (Liberal Democrat, Portsmouth South)
Mr David Hamilton MP (Labour, Midlothian)
Penny Mordaunt MP (Conservative, Portsmouth North)
Sandra Osborne MP (Labour, Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock)
Alison Seabeck MP (Labour, Moor View)

Powers

The Committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No 152. These are available on the Internet via www.parliament.uk.

Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at: www.parliament.uk/defcom.

Committee staff

James Rhys (Clerk), Dougie Wands (Second Clerk), Karen Jackson (Audit Adviser), Ian Thomson (Inquiry Manager), Chris Randall (Senior Committee Assistant), Rowena Macdonald/Carolyn Bowes (Committee Assistant) and Sumati Sowamber (Committee Support Assistant).

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Defence Committee Minutes

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier, Sandra Osborne
Thomas Docherty, Sir Bob Russell
Mr Dai Havard, Bob Stewart
Mrs Madeleine Moon, Ms Gisela Stuart

1. Defence Acquisition

Draft Special Report (Defence Acquisition: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2012-13), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of Session 2012-13 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Defence and Cyber Security

Ordered, That correspondence with the Minister of State for the Armed Forces be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 June at 2 pm

TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair
1. Summer Defence University

**Resolved**, That the Chair and Mrs Madeleine Moon have leave to visit Pau, France in September to attend the Summer Defence University in a representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

2. Abuse in the Australian Defence Force

**Ordered**, That correspondence with the Minister for the Armed Forces be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Towards the next Defence and Security Review

The following gave oral evidence:

Commodore Steven Jermy, Professor Paul Cornish and Mr Frank Ledwidge.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 June at 2 pm]

**WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2013**

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier        Penny Mordaunt
Thomas Docherty         Sandra Osborne
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson  Sir Bob Russell
Mr Dai Havard           Bob Stewart
Mr Adam Holloway         Ms Gisela Stuart

1. The Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 3: Educating the Children of Service Personnel

The Committee considered this matter.
2. The Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 4: Education of Service Personnel

The Committee considered this matter.

3. MoD Supplementary Estimates 2012-13

Draft Report (MoD Supplementary Estimates 2012-13) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 291.


Draft Special Report (Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2011-12: Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report of Session 2012-13), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Ninth Report from the Committee of Session 2012-13 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

5. Towards the next Defence and Security Review

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 June at 2 pm

TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Mr Dai Havard
Thomas Docherty Penny Mordaunt
Mr Madeleine Moon
Bob Stewart
Ms Gisela Stuart

1. Members’ Interests

The Chair declared that he had resigned his position as Chairman of the Conservative Friends of Israel and had disposed of any defence related shares.
2. Interests of Specialist Advisers

Paul Beaver updated his interests (see Appendix)

3. Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2013-14

Ordered, That the MoD Estimates memoranda and follow-up information be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Defence Implications of possible Scottish Independence

The following gave oral evidence:

Rear Admiral Martin Alabaster and Air Marshal (retd.) Iain McNicoll.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 June at 2 pm]

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Mr Dai Havard  Mr Adam Holloway  Mrs Madeleine Moon

Sir Bob Russell  Ms Gisela Stuart  Derek Twigg

1. Declaration of Interests

Derek Twigg declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, namely payments for contributing to surveys for Comres and Ipsos Mori and participation in a visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories paid for by Labour Friends of Israel.


Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Northern Ireland Executive;
The Scottish Government; and
The Welsh Government.
3. UK-France Defence Co-operation

Ordered, That correspondence with Philip Dunne MP, Minister for Defence Equipment, Support and Technology, relating to UK-France Co-operation, be placed on the website.

4. Visit to RAF Waddington

Resolved, That the Committee visit RAF Waddington in connection with its inquiry into Towards the next SDSR.

5. Defence implications of possible Scottish Independence

The following gave oral evidence:

Professor Trevor Taylor.

[Adjourned to Wednesday 19 June at 2.00 pm.

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Penny Mordaunt
Thomas Docherty  Sir Bob Russell
Mr Dai Havard  Bob Stewart
Mrs Madeleine Moon  Derek Twigg

1. Securing the Future of Afghanistan

Draft Special Report (Securing the future of Afghanistan: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2012-13), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Tenth Report from the Committee of Session 2012-13 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Future Army 2020

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
3. Committees on Arms Export Controls

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned to Monday 24 June at 4 pm.

MONDAY 24 JUNE 2013

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

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Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

The Committees deliberated, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

[Adjourned to Tuesday 25 June at 2 pm

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier                                Penny Mordaunt
Thomas Docherty                                   Sir Bob Russell
Mr Dai Havard                                     Bob Stewart
Mr Adam Holloway                                  Ms Gisela Stuart
Mrs Madeleine Moon                                Derek Twigg
1. **MoD Main Estimates 2013-14**

Draft Report (*MoD Main Estimates 2013-14*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 517.

2. **The Work of the Service Complaints Commissioner**

Draft Special Report (*The Work of the Service Complaints Commissioner: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2012-13*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Eighth Report from the Committee of Session 2012-13 was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Fourth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

*Ordered*, That correspondence with the Minister for the Armed Forces be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Towards the next Defence and Security Review**

*Resolved*, That as part of its inquiry into Towards the next Defence and Security Review, the Committee inquire into UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for future Operations.

*Resolved*, That as part of its inquiry into Towards the next Defence and Security Review, the Committee inquire into Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

*Resolved*, That as part of its inquiry into Towards the next Defence and Security Review, the Committee inquire into Intervention.

*Resolved*, That as part of its inquiry into Towards the next Defence and Security Review, the Committee inquire into Deterrence.

4. **Committees on Arms Export Controls (CAEC)**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Chief of Defence Materiel**

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Chief of Defence Materiel.

[Adjourned till Monday 1 July at 1.30 pm.]
MONDAY 1 JULY 2013

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

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Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

The Committees deliberated, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

1. **New Inquiry**

   Resolved, That the Committees inquire into the Government’s United Kingdom Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2012 and Quarterly Reports and the Government’s arms export controls and arms export policies.


Ordered, That the Chair’s draft Report be considered concurrently, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A (1)(c).

Ordered, That the Chair’s draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 124 read and agreed to.

Members present:

In the absence of the Chair, Bob Stewart in the Chair
1. Arms Exports Controls


Resolved, That the draft Report prepared by the Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees, be the Third Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A(2) be applied to the Report.

Ordered, That Sir John Stanley make the Joint Report to the House.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.134 (Select committees (reports)).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 July at 1.30 p.m.

TUESDAY 2 JULY 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier
Thomas Docherty
Mr Dai Havard
Mr Adam Holloway
Mrs Madeleine Moon

Penny Mordaunt
Sir Bob Russell
Bob Stewart
Ms Gisela Stuart

1. Specialist advisers

Ordered, That Air Marshal Paul Colley be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to the Royal Air Force.

Ordered, That Mr Paul Beaver, Professor Michael Clarke, Mr Christopher Donnelly, Dr John Louth, Major General Mungo Melvin, Admiral Chris Snow, and Air Marshall Philip Sturley, be reappointed Special Advisers to the Committee.

The Committee noted an updated declaration of interests by Mungo Melvin (see Appendix).
2. Defence Implications of possible Scottish Independence

The following gave oral evidence:

Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport and Veterans and Sean Stronach, Defence Policy Unit, Scottish Government; and

Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Defence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 July at 2.00 pm.]

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Penny Mordaunt
Thomas Docherty  Sir Bob Russell
Mr Adam Holloway  Bob Stewart
Mrs Madeleine Moon  Derek Twigg

1. Future Force 2020

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Future Force 2020.

2. Afghanistan

Resolved, That the Committee visit Afghanistan and Pakistan, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. The Falkland Islands

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Falkland Islands and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Towards the next Defence and Security Review

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into NATO Headquarters in Belgium

Resolved, That the Committee visit NATO Headquarters in Belgium in connection with its inquiry into NATO Headquarters in Belgium.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the strategic importance of sovereign bases in Cyprus.
Resolved, That the Committee visit Cyprus in spring of 2014 in connection with its inquiry into the strategic importance of sovereign bases in Cyprus.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the strategic importance of the High North.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Norway in the summer of 2014 in connection with its inquiry into the strategic importance of the High North.

5. The Armed Forces Covenant

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into Military Casualties and into the Welfare of Service Personnel

6. The Service Complaints Commissioner

Resolved, That the Committee consider further the future of the Service Complaints Commissioner for the Armed Forces.

7. Exercise Joint Warrior

Resolved, That the Committee attend Exercise Joint Warrior in October 2013.


Ordered, that correspondence with the Minister for the Armed Forces be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 July at 3.00 pm.

TUESDAY 9 JULY 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier    Sir Bob Russell
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson    Bob Stewart
Mr Adam Holloway    Ms Gisela Stuart
Penny Mordaunt    Derek Twigg
1. The Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 3: Educating the Children of Service Personnel

Draft Report (The Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 3: Educating the Children of Service Personnel) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 586.

2. The Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 4: Education of Service Personnel

Draft Report (The Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 4: The Education of Service Personnel) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 185.

3. COFAC/COFADS

Resolved, That Mr Jeffrey Donaldson have leave to attend the next COFAC/COFADS meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania in a representative capacity, from 4-6 September 2013 and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Future Army 2020

Ordered, That written evidence from the MoD be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 July at 2.00 pm.

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier       Sir Bob Russell
Thomas Docherty        Bob Stewart
Mr Adam Holloway        Ms Gisela Stuart
Penny Mordaunt          Derek Twigg

1. Interests of Advisers

Chris Donnelly, Committee Specialist Adviser, amended his declaration of interests (see Appendix) and declared that he was an unremunerated member of the Future Reserves 2020 External Scrutiny Group.
2. Future Army 2020

The following gave oral evidence:

Lieutenant General Sir Adrian Bradshaw, Commander Land Forces, Major General David Cullen, Assistant Chief of the General Staff, Major General Kevin Abraham, Director General Army Reform and Major General Ranald Munro, Deputy Commander Land Forces (Reserves).

Adjourned till Wednesday 17 July at 3 pm.

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Mrs Madeleine Moon
Thomas Docherty  Penny Mordaunt
Mr Jeffrey M Donaldson  Gisela Stuart
Dai Havard

1. Defence Implications of possible Scottish Independence

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Gift of Equipment to Syria

The Committee took note of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office minute on the gifting of chemical weapons protective equipment to the Syrian Opposition.

4. Towards the next Defence and Security Review

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Towards the next Defence and Security Review be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Ministry of Defence;

Professor the Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield
5. Appointment of Specialist Adviser

Ordered, That Major General Tim Cross CBE be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee for its inquiry into UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations.
6. Interests of Specialist Advisers

The Committee took note of amended declarations of interests from Mr Paul Beaver, Admiral Christopher Snow and Air Marshal Philip Sturley (see Appendix)

7. Towards the next Defence and Security Review

Ordered, That the written evidence from the Ministry of Defence be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

8. Deterrence in the twenty-first century

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor the Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 September at 10.30 am.

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Penny Mordaunt
Thomas Docherty Mrs Madeleine Moon
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson Sir Bob Russell
Mr Dai Havard Derek Twigg

1. Ministry of Defence Supplementary Estimates 2012-13

Draft Special Report (Ministry of Defence Supplementary Estimates 2012-13: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the First Report from the Committee of Session 2013-14 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fifth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Future Maritime Surveillance

Ordered, That correspondence with the Minister of State for the Armed Forces be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
3. Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Territorial Army Centre (Caernafon)

The Committee took note of the Petition presented by Hywel Williams, MP

5. Interests of Special Advisers

The Committee noted an updated declaration of interests Chris Donnelly (see Appendix).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 September at 1.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Mr. Madeleine Moon
Thomas Docherty Penny Mordaunt
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson Sir Bob Russell
Mr Dai Havard Bob Stewart
Mr Adam Holloway Ms Gisela Stuart

1. Defence Acquisition

The following gave oral evidence:


[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 September at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Mrs Madeleine Moon
Thomas Docherty Sir Bob Russell
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Dai Havard Derek Twigg
Mr Adam Holloway


Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Ministry of Defence
National Audit Office.

2. Service Complaints Commissioner

Ordered, That correspondence with the Minister of State for Defence Personnel, Welfare and Veterans be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, That the Chair do respond to the letter from the Secretary of State on the recruitment of the new Commissioner.

3. Publication of confidential material by Home Affairs Committee

The Committee took note of correspondence between the Chairs of the Defence and Home Affairs Committees.

4. RAF Waddington and BAE Systems at Warton

Resolved, That Mrs Madeleine Moon have leave to visit RAF Waddington and BAE Systems at Warton in a representative capacity.

5. Defence Implications of possible Scottish Independence

The Committee considered this matter.


The following gave oral evidence:

John Thompson, Permanent Under-Secretary, and David Williams, Director General Finance, Ministry of Defence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 September at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier 
Mrs Madeleine Moon
1. Towards the next Defence and Security Review

Resolved, That the Committee do sit in private.

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Cabinet Office.

Ordered, That the transcript of evidence taken this day be communicated to the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No 137A.

2. European Commission Communication on the European Defence Industry: request for an Opinion

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2013-14

Draft Special Report (Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2013-14: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Sixth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Towards the next Defence and Security Review

The following gave oral evidence in private:
Sir Kim Darroch, National Security Adviser and Julian Miller, Deputy National Security Adviser.

6. Defence Implications of possible Scottish Independence

Draft Report (Defence Implications of possible Scottish Independence) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 198.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 October at 1.30 p.m.]
TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Penny Mordaunt
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson Sir Bob Russell
Mr Dai Havard      Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Adam Holloway   Derek Twigg
Mrs Madeleine Moon

1. Declaration of Adviser’s interests

Chris Donnelly declared an interest as a Member of the Future Reserves Scrutiny Group.

2. Future Army 2020

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

John Baron MP  
Federation of Small Businesses  
Brigadier (retd) Allan Mallinson  
Brigadier (retd) Ben Barry OBE, International Institute for Strategic Studies

3. Proceeds of Spectrum Sales

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Scottish Referendum

Ordered, That correspondence with the Ministry of Defence on the Scottish Referendum be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. 206 Old Brompton Road

Ordered, That correspondence with the Ministry of Defence on 206 Old Brompton Road be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Future Army 2020

The following gave oral evidence:

Brigadier (retd) Ben Barry OBE, Senior Fellow for Land Warfare, International Institute for Strategic Studies  
Professor Theo Farrell, Head, Department of War Studies, Kings College London, Brigadier (retd) Allan Mallinson, historian and Defence commentator; and

Lieutenant General (retd) Robin Brims CB CBE DSO DL, Chair, Future Reserves 2020 External Scrutiny Group, Major General (retd) Simon Lalor CB TD, member, Future Reserves 2020 External Scrutiny Group, A

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 October at 2 p.m.]

**WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013**

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  
Thomas Doherty  
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson  
Mr Dai Havard  
Mr Adam Holloway  
Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Penny Mordaunt  
Sir Bob Russell  
Bob Stewart  
Ms Gisela Stuart

1. **Proceeds of Spectrum Sales**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Towards the next Defence and Security Review**

The following gave oral evidence:

Rt Hon Philip Hammond, Secretary of State for Defence, Tom McKane, Director General, Security Policy, Edward Ferguson, Head, Defence Strategy & Priorities

[Adjourned till Wednesday 16 October at 3 p.m.]

**WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2013**

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson  
Mr Dai Havard  
Mr Adam Holloway  
Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Sir Bob Russell  
Ms Gisela Stuart  
Derek Twigg

1. **Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 4: Education of Service Personnel**
Draft Special Report (Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 4: Education of Service Personnel: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Seventh Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Proceeds of Spectrum Sales

Ordered, That the Chair should write to the Secretary of State to ask how proceeds from the spectrum sale would be utilised and to request a response to the proposal that they should be used for modernising service accommodation.

3. Afghanistan and Pakistan

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The work of the Chief of the Defence Staff

General Sir Nick Houghton, Chief of the Defence Staff, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 October at 2pm]

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Dai Havard
Mr Adam Holloway
Mrs Madeleine Moon

Bob Stewart
Derek Twigg

1. Pakistan

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Attack on Camp Bastion

The Committee considered this matter.
4. Memorandum to the Liaison Committee

Ordered, That the Chair submit the Committee’s report to the Liaison Committee on its activities since Easter 2012.

5. European Commission Communication on the European Defence Industry

Ordered, That the Chair write to the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee with the Committee’s opinion on the Communication in accordance with Standing Order No. 143 (11).

6. Remotely Piloted Air Systems

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Ministry of Defence
- RUSI
- The Methodist Church
- Thales UK
- ADS
- Association of Military Court Advocates
- The Bureau of Investigative Journalism
- Network for Social Change (Professor Paul Rogers)
- Northrop Grumman
- Dr David Goldberg
- Drone Wars UK
- Royal Aeronautical Society
- Defence Synergia
- Research Councils UK
- All Party Parliamentary Group on drones
- Public Interest Lawyers


Draft Special Report (Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 3: Educating the children of Service Personnel: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Eighth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

8. Future inquiries

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 November at 4pm]
Saturday 26 October – Thursday 31 October

The Chair, Mr Dai Havard, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Bob Stewart, Ms Gisela Stuart and Derek Twigg visited Afghanistan and Pakistan in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Afghanistan in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 3 July 2013.

Monday 4 November 2013

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

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Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

1. Written Evidence

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Scrutiny of Arms Exports and Arms Controls (2014) be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Memorandum from Reprieve
- Memorandum from the Neil Cooper and Gerald Walther, University of Bradford
- Memorandum from Campaign Against Arms Trade
- Memorandum from Privacy International
- Memorandum from Export Group for Aerospace and Defence (EGAD)
- Memorandum from Bahrain Watch
- Memorandum from the United Kingdom Working Group

Scrutiny of Arms Exports and Arms Controls (2014)

The Committees deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Roy Ibsbister; Team Leader, Small Arms and Transfers Control, Saferworld; Oliver Sprague; Programme Director, Military Security and Police, Amnesty; Martin Butcher, Policy Adviser, Oxfam GB; Mr David Hayes (Chairman of EGAD), of David Hayes Export Controls; Mrs Susan Griffiths, Head of Export Control UK, MBDA Ltd; MS Bernadette Peers, Compliance Manager, Strategic Shipping Company Ltd; and Mr Michael J.V. Bell, Export Controls Consultant gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 November 2013 at 2pm]
Tuesday 5 November 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier       Mrs Madeleine Moon
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson Sir Bob Russell
Mr James Gray           Bob Stewart
Mr Dai Havard           Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Adam Holloway        Derek Twigg

1. Declaration of Interests

James Gray declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, namely payments for contributing to surveys for Comres and YouGov and rental income from residential property in London. He drew attention to declarable interests as Chair of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme Trust and Chair of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Group.

2. Remotely Piloted Air Systems

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc and General Atomics Aeronautical Systems UK
Stefan Wolff

3. Afghanistan

Resolved, That the Committee visit Afghanistan and Pakistan, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future Army 2020

Resolved, That the Committee visit the National Army Recruiting Centre, Upavon.

Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Defence and General Sir Peter Wall, Chief of the General Staff gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 19 November at 10.30am]
Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier     Sir Bob Russell
Mr James Gray         Bob Stewart
Mr Dai Havard         Ms Gisela Stuart
Madeleine Moon        Derek Twigg

1. The MoD Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Towards the next Defence and Security Review
The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Defence Implications of Possible Scottish Independence
Draft Special Report (The Defence Implications of Possible Scottish Independence: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Ninth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations
Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Ministry of Defence
Air Commodore (Retired) Bill Boothby
Professor C H B Garraway CBE
Rt Hon Jack Straw MP
International Committee of the Red Cross

5. Deterrence in the Twenty-first Century
Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Ministry of Defence
Professor Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield
General (retired) Sir Hugh Beach
Dr Jeremy Stocker
CND
United Nations Association – UK
Dr Rebecca Johnson, Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy
Andrew Futter and Benjamin Zala, University of Leicester
6. Remotely Piloted Air Systems

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
MBDA UK Ltd

7. Inter-parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy

Resolved, That Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson have leave to attend, in a representative capacity, the Inter-parliamentary Conference for CFSP and the CSDP in Athens on 3-4 April 2014, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 November at 2pm]

Thursday 21 November

Madeleine Moon visited RAF Waddington in a representative capacity in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 10 September 2013.

Tuesday 26 November 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier       Mr James Gray       Mr Dai Havard
Bob Stewart            Ms Gisela Stuart   Derek Twigg
Mrs Madeleine Moon

1. Future Army 2020

The Committee considered this matter.

2. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Brigadier (rtd) Anthony Paphiti

3. Intervention: Why, When and How?
Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Ministry of Defence
United Nations Association - UK
Saferworld
Oxford Research Group
The Henry Jackson Society
Edward Newman, Professor of International Security in the School of Politics and International Studies at the University of Leeds
Mary Kaldor, Professor of Global Governance, Civil Society and Human Security Research Unit, London School of Economics and Political Science
Dr James Pattison, Senior Lecturer in International Politics, University of Manchester
Humanitarian Intervention Centre (two papers).

4. Defence Acquisition

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
MoD


Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
MoD


Resolved, That the Chair and Mr Dai Havard have leave to attend, in a representative capacity, the Annual Franco-British Defence Conference in Paris on 2-3 April 2014, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 December at 2pm]

Tuesday 3 December 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Bob Stewart
Mr James Gray  Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Dai Havard  Derek Twigg
Mrs Madeleine Moon  John Woodcock
Sir Bob Russell

1. Declaration of Interests
John Woodcock declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, namely payments for contributing a column to PR week in 2012.

2. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Dr Jonathan Morgan, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge
General (rtd) Sir Nick Parker
Dr Aurel Sari, University of Exeter
Professor Nigel D White, University of Nottingham

3. Future Army 2020

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

David Lyon, former Colonel Commandant, Special Air Service

4. Sale of Electromagnetic Spectrum

The Committee considered this matter.

5. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till 10 December at 2 pm

Thursday 5 December

Mrs Madeleine Moon visited BAE Systems at Warton in a representative capacity in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 10 September 2013.

Tuesday 10 December 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier          Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr James Gray             Derek Twigg
Sir Bob Russell           John Woodcock

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Defence Implications of possible Scottish Independence

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Defence Growth Partnership.

4. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Michael Meyer, British Red Cross
Humanitarian Intervention Centre
Professor Adam Roberts

5. Remote Control: Remotely Piloted Air Systems - current and future UK use

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Reprieve

6. Defence Materiel Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjourned till Thursday 12 December at 10 am

Thursday 12 December 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Bob Stewart
Mr James Gray  Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Dai Havard  Derek Twigg
Sir Bob Russell  John Woodcock

1. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Defence Materiel Strategy
Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Defence and Bernard Gray, Chief of Defence Materiel gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 December at 2pm]

Monday 16 December

Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Julian Brazier, Sir Bob Russell and Derek Twigg visited the National Army Recruiting Centre, Upavon in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 5 November 2013.

Tuesday 17 December 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier          Madeleine Moon
Mr James Gray              Bob Stewart
Mr Dai Havard              Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Adam Holloway           Derek Twigg

1. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

Resolved, That the Committee take part of the evidence to be given by Lieutenant General David Capewell OBE, Chief of Joint Operations, Permanent Joint Headquarters, at this day’s sitting in private.

2. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

Lieutenant General David Capewell OBE, Chief of Joint Operations, Permanent Joint Headquarters, Mr Paul Rimmer, Chief of Staff (Policy & Finance), Permanent Joint Headquarters, and Dr John Noble, Head of Afghanistan/Pakistan Current Commitments Team, Operations Directorate, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

The public withdrew, in accordance with the Committee’s Resolution of this day’s sitting.

Lieutenant General David Capewell OBE, Chief of Joint Operations, Permanent Joint Headquarters, Mr Paul Rimmer, Chief of Staff (Policy & Finance), Permanent Joint Headquarters, Dr John Noble, Head of Afghanistan/Pakistan Current Commitments Team, Operations Directorate, Ministry of Defence, and Colonel Dominic Fox MBE (Late Royal Artillery), Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff J3, Permanent Joint Headquarters, Ministry of Defence gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 18 December at 2pm]
Wednesday 18 December 2013

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier
Mr James Gray
Mr Dai Havard
Mr Adam Holloway

Sir Bob Russell
Bob Stewart
Derek Twigg

1. Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part One

Draft Report (Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part One) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 197.


Draft Report (Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 653.

3. Intervention: Why, When and How?

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Dr Arman Sarvarian

4. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January at 2 pm]

Wednesday 18 December 2013

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:
Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

Written Evidence

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Scrutiny of Arms Exports and Arms Controls (2014) be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Memorandum from Dr Anna Stavrianakis

The Government’s 2013 Quarter 2 Report

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the questions relating to public and restricted material be sent to the relevant Government Departments.

Scrutiny of Arms Exports and Arms Controls (2014)

The Committees deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and President of the Board of Trade; Edward Bell, Head of Export Control Organisation, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Chris Chew, Head of Policy, Export Control Organisation, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January 2014 at 2 pm.]

Wednesday 8 January 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Sir Bob Russell
Mr James Gray Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Dai Havard Derek Twigg
Mrs Madeleine Moon John Woodcock

1. Defence Implications of Possible Scottish Independence

The Committee considered this matter.

2. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations
Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Air Commodore (Retd) Bill Boothby
Dr Katja Samuel

3. Interests of Specialist Advisers

Paul Beaver updated his interests (see Appendix).

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 January at 2pm]

Wednesday 8 January 2014

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

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Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

Scrutiny of Arms Exports and Arms Controls (2014)

The Committees deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Rt Hon William Hague MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Richard Tauwhare, Head of Arms Export Policy Department and James Paver, Deputy Head of Arms Export Policy Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to a day and time to be fixed by the Chairman.]

Wednesday 15 January 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier                          Sir Bob Russell
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson                   Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Dai Havard                             John Woodcock
Mrs Madeleine Moon

1. Defence Materiel Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

2. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Professor Steven Haines, University of Greenwich

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

Ordered, That the correspondence from the Ministry of Defence providing a redacted version of the Operational Learning Account and After Action Report (OLAAR) prepared following the attack be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 January at 2pm]

Tuesday 21 January 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Mr James Gray  Mr Dai Havard  Mrs Madeleine Moon

Bob Stewart  Ms Gisela Stuart  Derek Twigg  John Woodcock

1. Afghanistan

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Ministry of Defence
Parliamentarians Network for Conflict Prevention on behalf of Mrs Elay Ershad MP (Afghanistan), Mrs Shinkai Z Karokhail MP (Afghanistan), Mrs Golalei Nur Safi MP (Afghanistan) and former MP Ms Bushra Gohar (Pakistan)
Amnesty International UK
Oxfam

2. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor Sir Simon Wessely and Dr Nicola Fear, Kings Centre for Military Health Research, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 January at 2pm]

**Tuesday 28 January 2014**

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Mr James Gray Mr Dai Havard Mr Adam Holloway Mrs Madeleine Moon Sir Bob Russell Bob Stewart Ms Gisela Stuart John Woodcock

**1. Afghanistan**

Lt-General James Everard, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Military Strategy and Operations), Vincent Devine, Director Operational Policy, Ministry of Defence; and Neil Crompton, Director for Afghanistan and South Asia, Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 29 January at 2pm]

**Wednesday 29 January 2014**

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Mr James Gray Mr Dai Havard Mr Adam Holloway Mrs Madeleine Moon Mrs Madeleine Moon Sir Bob Russell Ms Gisela Stuart Derek Twigg

**1. Future Army 2020**

Draft Report (*Future Army 2020*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 576.
2. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 4 February at 2pm

Tuesday 4 February 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson Mr James Gray Mr Dai Havard Mr Adam Holloway Mrs Madeleine Moon

Sir Bob Russell Bob Stewart Ms Gisela Stuart Derek Twigg John Woodcock

1. Intervention: Why, When and How?
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Deterrence in the twenty-first century
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair and John Woodcock have leave to visit Wilton Park to attend the conference on The Future of Non-nuclear Deterrence on 26-28 February in a representative capacity.

3. Remote Control: Remotely Piloted Air Systems - current and future UK use
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Professor Sir Nicholas Wheeler

4. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for future operations
Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet: General (retd) Jonathan Shaw

5. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack
The Committee considered this matter.
6. MoD mid-year review

The Committee considered this matter.

Wednesday 12 February 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Sir Bob Russell
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson  Bob Stewart
Mr James Gray  Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Dai Havard  Derek Twigg
Mr Adam Holloway  John Woodcock
Mrs Madeleine Moon

1. Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 5: military casualties

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Department for Social Development, Northern Ireland Executive

2. A400M flight

Resolved, That the Committee visit RAF Brize Norton to take part on a flight on an A400M aircraft.

3. Defence contribution to flood relief efforts

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Interaction between military and criminal justice systems

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Defence Materiel Strategy

Bernard Gray, Chief of Defence Materiel, and Jon Thompson, Permanent Under Secretary, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 February at 2pm]
Tuesday 25 February 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair
Mr Julian Brazier                Sir Bob Russell
Mr James Gray                   Bob Stewart
Mr Dai Havard                   Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Adam Holloway                Derek Twigg
Madeleine Moon                  John Woodcock

1. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Martin Hemming


Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine
The Confederation of Service Charities
ABF The Soldiers’ Charity
British Limbless Ex-Service Men’s Association (BLESMA)
Combat Stress
Help for Heroes
RAF Benevolent Fund and RAF Association
The Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Families Association (SSAFA)
The Ripple Pond

3. Defence Materiel Strategy

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Cyber security

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 March at 2pm

Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 February

Mr James Arbuthnot and John Woodcock attended the conference at Wilton Park on The Future of Non-nuclear Deterrence in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 4 February 2014.
Wednesday 5 March 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier       Mrs Madeleine Moon
Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson Sir Bob Russell
Mr James Gray           Bob Stewart
Mr Dai Havard           John Woodcock

1. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Remote Control: Remotely Piloted Air Systems – current and future UK use

Draft Report (Remote Control: Remotely Piloted Air Systems – current and future UK use) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 772.

3. Armed Forces Covenant in Action? Part 5

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Bridge Across Service Into Civilian (BASIC)
ForcesWatch
D Giemza-Pipe
Royal College of Physicians
Royal British Legion
The Scottish Government

4. Service Complaints Commissioner

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Oversight of MoD Cyber Capability

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Armed Forces Pay Review Body Triennial Review

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 11 March at 2pm]
Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Mrs Madeleine Moon
Mr James Gray  Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Dai Havard  Derek Twigg
Mr Adam Holloway  John Woodcock

1. Deterrence in the twenty-first century

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Paul Bell, Albany Associates

Draft Report (*Deterrence in the twenty-first century*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 1066.

2. Intervention: Why, When and How?

The Committee considered this matter.

3. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Professor Michael Clarke, Royal United Services Institute

4. Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment at Dounreay

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Oversight of MoD cyber capacity

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 March at 2pm]

Wednesday 12 March 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  Bob Stewart
Mr James Gray  Ms Gisela Stuart
Mr Dai Havard  Derek Twigg
Madeleine Moon  John Woodcock
1. Afghanistan

Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Defence, and Lt-General James Everard, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Military Strategy and Operations), Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 March at 2pm]

Tuesday 18 March 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier
Mr James Gray
Mr Dai Havard
Mr Adam Holloway

Mrs Madeleine Moon
Ms Gisela Stuart
Derek Twigg

1. Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part One

Draft Special Report (Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part One: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Tenth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for Future Operations

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

General Sir Nick Parker

3. Armed Forces Covenant in action? Part 5: Military casualties

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Ministry of Defence
Major Terry Roper
Naval Families Federation

4. Chair

Resolved, That Mr Dai Havard take the Chair of the Committee for the meeting on Tuesday 8 April and for
any meetings subsequent to Mr James Arbuthnot stepping down as Chair of the Committee prior to the election of a new Chair.

5. **Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part Two**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit NATO and SHAPE, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Latvia, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

6. **Justice for Widows campaign**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment at Dounreay**

*Ordered*, That the Chair should write to the Secretary of State to inquire about events relating to the leak of radioactive material into the cooling waters of the reactor at the Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment at Dounreay and the decision to re-fuel HMS Vanguard.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 March at 2pm]

**Thursday 20 March**

*Mr James Gray and Madeleine Moon visited RAF Brize Norton to participate in a flight on an A400M in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 12 February 2014.*

**Tuesday 25 March 2014**

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier  
Mr James Gray  
Mr Dai Havard  
Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Bob Stewart  
Ms Gisela Stuart  
Derek Twigg  
John Woodcock

1. **Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13**

Draft Special Report (*Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Eighth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.
Resolved, That the Report be the Eleventh Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Service Complaints Commissioner

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Feasibility Study for the Resettlement of the British Indian Ocean Territory

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part Two

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Ministry of Defence mid-year report

Jon Thompson, Permanent Under Secretary, and David Williams, Director General Finance, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 March at 2pm]

Wednesday 26 March 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier Mr James Gray Mr Dai Havard Mrs Madeleine Moon

Bob Stewart Ms Gisela Stuart Derek Twigg

1. UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for future operations

Draft Report (UK Armed Forces Personnel and the Legal Framework for future operations) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 931.

2. Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack

Draft Report (Afghanistan – Camp Bastion Attack) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Thirteenth Report of the Committee, HC 830.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 April at 2pm]
Tuesday 1 April 2014

Members present:

Mr James Arbuthnot, in the Chair

Mr Julian Brazier
Mr James Gray
Mr Dai Havard
Mrs Madeleine Moon
Derek Twigg
John Woodcock

1. Intervention: Why, When and How?

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee

2. Private Security Companies

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part Two

Resolved, That the Committee visit Estonia and Latvia and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.


The following gave oral evidence:

Sue Freeth, Director of Health and Welfare, Royal British Legion, Bryn Parry, Co-founder and Chief Executive, Help for Heroes, Peter Poole, Director of Strategic Planning and Partnerships, Combat Stress, and Air Vice-Marshal David Murray, Chief Executive Officer, SSAFA; and


[Adjourned till Monday 7 April at 4pm

Monday 7 April 2014

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence and Foreign Affairs Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.
Members present:

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Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

Scrubtity of Arms Exports and Arms Controls (2014)

The Committees deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Rt Hon Peter Hain MP gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 April at 2pm]

Tuesday 8 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Dai Havard took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of 18 March

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1. Intervention: Why, When and How?

Draft Report (Intervention: Why, When and How?) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourteenth Report of the Committee, HC 952.

2. Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.


Ordered, That correspondence from the Secretary of State for Defence be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:  
Welsh Assembly Government

5. Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment at Dounreay  

Ordered, That the correspondence from the Secretary of State for Defence be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Future Force 2020  

Resolved, That the Committee visit Washington in December, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

7. Fleet Diving Squadron  

Resolved, That Bob Stewart and Ms Gisela Stuart have leave to visit the Fleet Diving Squadron at Havant in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 April at 2pm]

Tuesday 29 April 2014  

Members present:

Mr Dai Havard took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of 18 March  

Mr Julian Brazier  
Mr Jeffrey M Donaldson  
Mr James Gray  
Mrs Madeleine Moon  
Sir Bob Russell

1. Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part 2  

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:  
Yvonne Walsham

2. Afghanistan  

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:  
Ministry of Defence

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Ministry of Defence and the Department of Health
NHS England
RAF Families Federation

The following gave oral evidence:

Anna Soubry, MP, Minister for Defence Personnel, Welfare and Veterans, Ministry of Defence, and Dr Dan Poulter MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health.

Thursday 1 May

Bob Stewart and Ms Gisela Stuart visited the Fleet Diving Squadron at Havant in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 April 2014.

Tuesday 6 May 2014

Members present:

Mr Dai Havard took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of 18 March 2014.

Mr Julian Brazier  Mr James Gray  Madeleine Moon  Sir Bob Russell

Bob Stewart  Ms Gisela Stuart  Derek Twigg

1. Future Force 2020

The Committee considered this matter.

Wednesday 7 May 2014

Members present:

Mr Dai Havard took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of 18 March 2014.
1. Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Afghanistan) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fifteenth Report of the Committee, HC 994.

2. Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment at Dounreay

Ordered, That further correspondence from the Secretary of State for Defence be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part Two

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
DefenceSynergia
Dr Jeremy Stocker
James de Waal
Commander ND Maccartan Ward

The following gave oral evidence:

Professor Sir Hew Strachan, All Souls College, Oxford, and James de Waal, Senior Consulting Fellow, Chatham House.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 May at 4pm]

Monday 12 May 2014

The Business, Innovation and Skills, Defence and Foreign Affairs Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

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Sir John Stanley was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

The Committees deliberated in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

1. **Scrutiny of Arms Exports and Arms Controls (2014)**

*Resolved*, That the Committees take evidence from representatives from companies, whose names had been provided in confidence, at this day’s sitting in private.

Representatives from companies, whose names were provided in confidence, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 May at 2pm]

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**Tuesday 13 May 2014**

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Mr Dai Havard took the Chair, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of 18 March

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1. **Defence Growth Partnership**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Farnborough Airshow on Wednesday 16 July in connection with the inquiry.

2. **Towards the next Defence and Security Review: Part Two**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Commander N D Maccartan Ward
- Nuclear Education Trust
- Nuclear Information Service

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 June at 2pm]
Monday 19 – Tuesday 20 May

Rory Stewart, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Dai Havard, Bob Stewart, Ms Gisela Stuart and John Woodcock visited NATO and SHAPE in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 18 March 2014.
APPENDIX

DECLARATIONS OF SPECIALIST ADVISERS’ INTERESTS

Mr Paul Beaver

Beaver Westminster Limited

Advise Marshall Group on strategy

Monty’s Messenger Ltd

Advise media on defence

Provides bespoke beer

Purveys historic aircraft

SRO for Army Historic Aircraft

Chairman of Army Flying

MD of Royal Artillery Aero Club

Fundraiser for

SSAFA

Fly2help

Cheshire Homes

Lincoln Bomber Command Memorial

RSPB

Contracted by Morphose Ltd to provide advice on its bid for the purchase of the Defence Support Group.

Contracted by EY to provide advice on its ITN document for the Programme GATEWAY transformation of RAF Brize Norton.

Christopher Donnelly

Unpaid
Member, Future Reserves 2020 External Scrutiny Group

Editor of The British Army 2012

**Major General Mungo Melvin**

*Paid*

Part-time Senior British Army Advisor for the First World War Centenary Commemorations, hired under an 'Additional Duties Commitment' as a Regular Army Reservist, for which no monies have yet been claimed. My pay is now being put in hand.

Part-time Senior Executive Leadership Host and Historian for Corporate Battlefields Ltd, involved in taking 'boardrooms to the battlefields'.

Freelance consultant and lecturer on defence, security affairs and military history as Director, Mungo Melvin Strategic Limited (my own company).

*Unpaid*

Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Department of War Studies, King’s College London.

Senior Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute.

Visiting Professor, Department of Politics, University of Reading (a post in virtual abeyance at present).

Senior Fellow, the Institute for Statecraft (director, Chris Donnelly).

Senior Fellow, The Causeway Institute for Peace-building and Conflict Resolution (Chairman: Rt Hon Jeffrey Donaldson MP).

Member, Advisory Panel, Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham.

*(Updated 2 July 2013)*

**Rear Admiral Chris Snow**

The Kelly Foundation Tavistock Interim Chair of Governors

Kelly Enterprises Ltd Director

Northern Devon Healthcare Trust Non-Executive Director

NATO Senior Mentor (Maritime)
Real Visual Ltd, Plymouth  Non-Executive Advisor/Shareholder