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Joint Committee on the  
National Security Strategy

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Formal Minutes of the  
Joint Committee

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Session 2016–17

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Monday 23 May 2016

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

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| Crispin Blunt MP               | Lord Levene of Portsoken |
| Baroness Buscombe              | Dr Julian Lewis MP       |
| Lord Clark of Windermere       | Angus Brendan MacNeil MP |
| Dominic Grieve MP              | Lord Mitchell            |
| Baroness Falkner of Margravine | Robert Neill MP          |
| Lord Hamilton of Epsom         | Lord Ramsbotham          |
| Sir Gerald Howarth MP          | Lord Trimble             |

## **1. Committee staff**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Lords Members**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Conflict, Stability and Security Fund**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the Conflict Stability and Security Fund.

## **4. 4th Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum: Vienna**

*Resolved* That Baroness Buscombe attends the 4th Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum in Vienna on 20 June, accompanied by Ashlee Godwin, Committee Specialist.

## **5. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **6. National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet:

1. NSS0008 United Nations Association – UK (UNA-UK)
2. NSS0007 Oxford Research Group
3. NSS0006 Royal Aeronautical Society and ADS Group.
4. James de Waal, Chatham House, follow up oral evidence
5. Professor Patrick Porter, University of Exeter, follow up oral evidence

6. The Prime Minister's letter, dated 4 May

Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP and Conrad Bailey, Director, Strategic Defence and Security Review and Defence, Cabinet Office, National Security Secretariat, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 July 2016 at 4.00 pm

Monday 4 July 2016

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Crispin Blunt MP               | Lord Harris of Haringey |
| Lord Boateng                   | Dr Julian Lewis MP      |
| Baroness Buscombe              | Dr Andrew Murrison MP   |
| Dominic Grieve MP              | Lord Trimble            |
| Baroness Falkner of Margravine | Iain Wright MP          |
| Lord Hamilton of Epsom         | Lord West of Spithead   |

**1. Members' interests**

The Committee noted Members' interests as recorded in the Commons Register of Members' Interests and the Lords Register of Interests.

**2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. 4th Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum: Vienna**

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015**

*Ordered,* That the following correspondence relating to the inquiry be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet:

1. Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP to the Chair, dated 26 May 2016
2. Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP to the Chair, dated 24 June 2016.

Draft Report, *National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and considered.

*Ordered,* That the draft Report be considered, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 114 agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the First Report of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House of Commons and that the Report be made to the House of Lords.

*Ordered*, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of House of Commons Standing Order No. 134.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 October 2016 at 4.00 pm

Monday 24 October 2016

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lord Boateng                   | Dr Andrew Murrison MP    |
| Baroness Buscombe              | Lord Powell of Bayswater |
| Baroness Falkner of Margravine | Lord Ramsbotham          |
| Lord Hamilton of Epsom         | Lord Trimble             |
| Lord Harris of Haringey        | Stephen Twigg MP         |
| Dr Julian Lewis MP             | Iain Wright MP           |
| Lord Mitchell                  |                          |

## **1. National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015**

The Committee considered the Government's Response to its First Report of Session 2016-17.

Draft Special Report (*National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2016-17*) 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 2016-17 was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House of Commons and that the Report be made to the House of Lords.

## **2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Work of the Committee**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **4. Conflict Stability and Security Fund**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet:

1. CSS003 Dr Mary Alice Young
2. CSS004 International Crisis Group
3. CSS007 DAI Europe Limited
4. CSS009 Conciliation Resources
5. CSS011 Mercy Corps
6. CSS012 Saferworld
7. CSS013 Search for Common Ground
8. CSS014 Cranfield University
9. CSS015 Agencia Consulting Ltd
10. CSS016 Adam Smith International
11. CSS018 Opimian Ltd
12. CSS019 HMG
13. CSS020 Coffey International Development Ltd
14. CSS021 Institute for War and Peace Reporting

Lord Boateng highlighted his interest, as recorded in the Lords Register of Interests, as Chair of the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund.

Dr Stephanie Blair, Director, Opimian Ltd, Dr Andrew Rathmell, Director of Aktis Strategy Ltd, and John Speakman, Adviser, World Bank, gave oral evidence.

Ruairi Nolan, Head of Research and Engagement, Peace Direct, Rebecca Crozier, Head of Middle East and North Africa Programme, International Alert, and Myles Bush, Director, Justice, Security and Peacebuilding, Adam Smith International, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 28 November 2016 at 4.00 pm

Monday 28 November 2016

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Crispin Blunt MP               | Lord Mitchell            |
| Dr Julian Lewis MP             | Lord Powell of Bayswater |
| Baroness Buscombe              | Lord Ramsbotham          |
| Baroness Falkner of Margravine | Lord Trimble             |
| Lord Hamilton of Epsom         | Lord West of Spithead    |
| Lord Harris of Haringey        |                          |

**1. Committee programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. National Security Council**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Conflict, Stability and Security Fund**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet:

1. CSS0006 Reprieve
2. CSS0008 Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy
3. CSS0025 Dr Stephanie Blair
4. CSS0026 Dr Andrew Rathmell

Sir Mark Lyall Grant, National Security Adviser, Robert Chatterton Dickson, Director of Foreign Policy, National Security Secretariat, Cabinet Office, and Melinda Simmons, Head of the NSS Joint Programme Hub, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 December 2016 at 4.00 pm

Monday 12 December 2016

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Crispin Blunt MP               | Dr Andrew Murrison MP    |
| Baroness Buscombe              | Lord Powell of Bayswater |
| Yvette Cooper MP               | Lord Ramsbotham          |
| Baroness Falkner of Margravine | Lord Trimble             |
| Dominic Grieve MP              | Stephen Twigg MP         |
| Lord Hamilton of Epsom         | Theresa Villiers MP      |
| Lord Harris of Haringey        | Lord West of Spithead    |
| Dr Julian Lewis MP             | Mr Iain Wright MP        |
| Lord Mitchell                  |                          |

**1. Members' interests**

The Committee noted Members' entries in the Commons Register of Members' Interests and the Lords Register of Interests.

**2. Conflict, Stability and Security Fund**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Proposed inquiry: Cyber Security: UK National Security in a Digital World**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Cyber Security: UK National Security in a Digital World.

Lord West declared the following interest:

Occasional remunerated speaking engagements on Cyber Security.

**4. National Security Council Committees**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 30 January 2017 at 4.00 pm

Monday 30 January 2017

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

Crispin Blunt MP  
Dominic Grieve MP  
Lord Hamilton of Epsom  
Lord Harris of Haringey  
Sir Gerald Howarth  
Dr Julian Lewis MP  
Lord Mitchell

Dr Andrew Murrison MP  
Lord Ramsbotham  
Lord Trimble  
Stephen Twigg MP  
Lord West of Spithead  
Mr Iain Wright MP

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter

### 2. Lords Members

The Committee considered this matter

### 3. Conflict, Stability and Security Fund

*Ordered*, That the following correspondence relating to the inquiry be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet:

1. Mark Lyall Grant, National Security Adviser to the Chair, dated 21 December 2016
2. Gwyn Jenkins, Deputy National Security Adviser (Conflict, Stability and Defence) to the Chair, dated 19 January 2017.
3. Robert Chatterton Dickson, Director, Foreign Policy, National Security Secretariat Joint Programme Hub to the Chair, dated 26 January 2017.

Draft Report, *Conflict, Stability and Security Fund*, proposed by the Chair, brought up and considered.

*Ordered*, That the draft Report be considered, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 88 agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Appendix agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Second Report of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House of Commons and that the Report be made to the House of Lords.

*Ordered*, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of House of Commons Standing Order No. 134.

[Adjourned till Monday 6 March 2017 at 4.00 pm



Monday 6 March 2017

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Crispin Blunt MP               | Robert Neill MP          |
| Baroness Falkner of Margravine | Lord Powell of Bayswater |
| Lord Hamilton of Epsom         | Lord Ramsbotham          |
| Lord Harris of Haringey        | Lord Trimble             |
| Lord Mitchell                  | Mrs Theresa Villiers MP  |
| Dr Andrew Murrison MP          | Lord West of Spithead    |

## 1. Cyber Security

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet:

1. CYB0002 – UK Cloud and the Corsham Institute
2. CYB0003 – PricewaterhouseCoopers
3. CYB0004 – International Centre for Security Analysis, KCL
4. CYB0005 – Privacy International
5. CYB0006 – British Standards Institution
6. CYB0008 – Information Assurance Advisory Council
7. CBY0009 – PA Consulting Group
8. CYB0011 – Corsham Institute
9. CYB0012 – Mr Stuart Hyde
10. CYB0013 – Mr Pete Cooper
11. CYB0014 – NCC Group
12. CYB0015 – Yorkshire Cyber Security Cluster
13. CYB0016 – Pinsent Masons LLP
14. CYB0017 – Mr Andreas Haggman
15. CYB0019 – Association of British Insurers
16. CYB0020 – Cabinet Office
17. CYB0021 – techUK
18. CYB0022 – British Retail Consortium
19. CYB0023 – ADS Group
20. CYB0024 – ISACA
21. CYB0025 – BT
22. CYB0026 – Palo Alto Networks
23. CYB0027 – Trustonic
24. CYB0028 – Microsoft
25. CYB0030 – Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime
26. CYB0031 – Federation of Small Businesses
27. CYB0032 – Professor Martyn Thomas
28. CYB0034 – Foundation for Information Policy Research
29. CYB0035 – Cifas
30. CYB0036 – Fujitsu

31. CYB0037 – Institution of Engineering and Technology
32. CYB0038 – The Information Commissioner’s Office
33. CYB0039 – RUSI
34. CYB0040 – The Royal Society
35. CYB0041 – EMEA

## **2. Specialist Adviser**

*Ordered*, That Mr Ewan Lawson be appointed as specialist adviser to assist the Joint Committee in its work in relation to the Cyber Security inquiry

### Declarations of Interest by Mr Ewan Lawson

No declarable interests.

## **3. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter

## **4. National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015**

Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP, Home Secretary, Sir Mark Lyall Grant, National Security Adviser, and Conrad Bailey, Director SDSR and Defence, National Security Secretariat, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 27 March 2017 at 4.00 pm

Monday 27 March 2017

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

Yvette Cooper MP  
Baroness Falkner of Margravine  
Lord Hamilton of Epsom  
Lord Harris of Haringey  
Sir Gerald Howarth MP  
Dr Julian Lewis MP  
Lord Mitchell  
Dr Andrew Murrison MP

Robert Neill MP  
Lord Powell of Bayswater  
Lord Ramsbotham  
Lord Trimble  
Mrs Theresa Villiers MP  
Lord West of Spithead  
Mr Iain Wright MP

## **1. Cabinet Office Informal Briefing (20 March)**

*Resolved*, That the Committee write to the Home Secretary setting out its concern about the nature of the information provided at informal briefings.

## **2. Cyber Security**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet:

1. Internet Telephony Services Providers' Association (CYB0033)
2. Dr Tara McCormack (CYB0042)

Dr Richard Horne, Cyber Security Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Rowland Johnson, CEO, Nettitude, Dr Brandon Valeriano, Reader in the School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University, and Ollie Whitehouse, Technical Director, NCC Group gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 April 2017 at 4.30 pm]

Monday 24 April 2017

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Crispin Blunt MP               | Lord Mitchell         |
| Lord Boateng                   | Dr Andrew Murrison MP |
| Baroness Falkner of Margravine | Robert Neill MP       |
| Dominic Grieve MP              | Lord Ramsbotham       |
| Lord Hamilton of Epsom         | Lord Trimble          |
| Lord Harris of Haringey        | Lord West of Spithead |
| Sir Gerald Howarth MP          | Mr Iain Wright MP     |
| Dr Julian Lewis MP             |                       |

### **1. Conflict, Stability and Security Fund**

The Committee considered the Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2016-17.

Draft Special Report (*Conflict, Stability and Security Fund: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2016-17*) proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee of Session 2016-17 was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House of Commons and that the Report be made to the House of Lords.

### **2. National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015**

*Ordered*, That the letter from the Home Secretary to the Chair dated 6 April 2017 be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet.

### **3. Cyber Security**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet:

1. Altran UK (CYB0043)
2. Dr Brandon Valeriano (supplementary written evidence)
3. Mr Ollie Whitehouse (supplementary written evidence)
4. Mr Rowland Johnson (supplementary written evidence)