



House of Lords

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Joint Committee on the
National Security Strategy

Formal Minutes of the Joint Committee

Session 2015–16

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MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

Lord Boateng	Sir Gerald Howarth MP
Crispin Blunt MP	Dr Julian Lewis MP
Baroness Buscombe	Lord Mitchell
Lord Clark of Windermere	Robert Neill MP
Damian Green MP	Lord Ramsbotham
Baroness Falkner of Margravine	Lord West of Spithead
Lord Hamilton of Epsom	Iain Wright MP

1. Appointment of Chair

It is moved that Margaret Beckett do take the Chair.—(*Baroness Buscombe.*)
The same is agreed to.

2. Members' interests

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

3. Date and time of meetings

Ordered, That the Committee shall meet on Mondays at 4pm, unless the Committee otherwise order.

4. Work of the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Strangers be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless otherwise ordered.

Ordered, That the uncorrected transcripts of evidence given, unless the Committee otherwise order, be published on the internet.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Specialist Advisers

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 1 February 2016 at 4.00 pm]

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

Crispin Blunt MP	Dr Julian Lewis MP
Lord Clark of Windermere	Angus Brendan MacNeil
Damian Green MP	Lord Mitchell
Baroness Falkner of Margravine	Robert Neill MP
Damian Green	Lord Trimble
Mr Dominic Grieve	Stephen Twigg
Lord Hamilton of Epsom	Keith Vaz
Sir Gerald Howarth MP	Lord West of Spithead
Lord Levene of Portsoken	Iain Wright MP

1. Specialist Advisers

Ordered, That Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Professor Michael Clarke and Professor Hew Strachan be appointed as specialist advisers to assist the Joint Committee in all aspects of its work.

Declarations of Interest by Professor Malcolm Chalmers

Deputy Director-General, Royal United Services Institute.

Declarations of Interest by Professor Michael Clarke

Specialist Adviser to House of Commons Defence Select Committee (Unpaid).
Honorary Professorship at King's College London (Department of War Studies) (Unpaid).
Honorary Professorship at the University of Exeter (Unpaid).
Member of the Chief of Defence Staff's Strategic Advisory Panel (Unpaid).

Declarations of Interest by Professor Hew Strachan

Professor of International Relations at the University of St Andrews.
Council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.
Strategic Advisory Panel of the Chief of Defence Staff.
Defence Academy Advisory Panel.
External member, Armed Forces Covenant Reference Group.
Comité scientifique, Laboratoire de Recherche sur la Défense, IFRI, Paris.

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

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Work of the National Security Adviser

Sir Mark Lyall Grant, National Security Adviser, and Conrad Bailey, Director of Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) and Defence, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 14 March 2016 at 4.00 pm

MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016

Members present:

Margaret Beckett MP, in the Chair

Lord Boateng	Dr Andrew Murrison
Baroness Buscombe	Robert Neill MP
Lord Clark of Windermere	Lord Trimble
Baroness Falkner of Margravine	Stephen Twigg
Mr Dominic Grieve	Lord West of Spithead
Lord Levene of Portsoken	Iain Wright MP
Lord Mitchell	

1. Conflict Stability and Security Fund

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

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Work of the National Security Adviser

Ordered, That the letter from the National Security Adviser dated 10 March 2016 be reported to both Houses for publication on the internet.

4. 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:

NSS0002 Professor Patrick Porter
NSS0003 CCW University of Oxford
NSS0004 Dr David Blagden

James de Waal, Chatham House, Professor John Gearson, King's College London, and Professor Patrick Porter, University of Exeter, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 April 2016 at 4.00 pm