



# Defence Committee

## Press Notice: Evidence Session

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### THE FUTURE OF THE UK'S STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DETERENT: THE STRATEGIC CONTEXT

On Tuesday 28 March in the Thatcher Room, Portcullis House (*room subject to change*), with oral evidence taken from:

At 10.30am

- Commodore Tim Hare, Thales UK
- Mr Peter Whitehouse, Devonport Management Ltd

At 11.30 am approx.

- Dr Andrew Dorman, King's College London
- Dr Dominick Jenkins, Greenpeace UK
- Mr Malcolm Savidge, Oxford Research Group
- Dr Bruno Tertrais, Foundation for Strategic Research (Paris)

#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. The Committee has announced that it will hold a series of inquiries over the course of the current Parliament into the future of the UK's strategic nuclear deterrent. The first inquiry will focus on the strategic context and the timetable for decision making. It will consider the threats which the strategic nuclear deterrent is currently intended to combat and how this context might change over the next two decades. It will consider what other states or organisations could develop nuclear weapons capabilities by 2025, and how this might affect the strategic context in which decisions on the UK deterrent will be made. And it will consider the timetable in which these decisions will have to be taken and implemented. See operational note of 20 January 2006:  
[http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/defence\\_committee/def060120\\_\\_no\\_\\_18.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/defence_committee/def060120__no__18.cfm)
2. Committee Membership is as follows: Rt Hon James Arbuthnot MP (Chairman), Mr David S Borrow MP, Mr Colin Breed MP, Mr David Crausby MP, Linda Gilroy MP, Mr David Hamilton MP, Mr Mike Hancock MP, Mr Dai Havard MP, Mr Adam Holloway MP, Mr Brian Jenkins MP, Mr Kevan Jones MP, Robert Key MP, Mr Mark Lancaster MP, John Smith MP.
3. News Release: No. 31

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