

## Costly Trident

Sir, — I was pleased to read your editorial, "Defence in a changed world" (20 October), particularly your comments regarding Trident, which you correctly pointed out no longer fulfills a useful function in a changed world.

Campaigners for the retention of our more and more overstretched infantry have been questioning the wisdom of the ever-increasing cost of Trident and its possible deployment, for the last year.

Your observation that "the lesson of Trident is that a realistic assessment of its need should have been taken at a much earlier stage" only serves to underline our call for an independent review of defence policy.

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