

# A Future Defence Review: Finance, Process and Hard Strategic Choices

7 July 2009

0800 - 0845 Registration and Coffee

0845 - 0900 Introductory Remarks

Administrative Remarks: **Dr Lee Willett**, Head Maritime Studies Programme,  
Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

Introductory Remarks: RUSI, a Future Defence Review and the Defence  
Review Working Paper Series – **Michael Codner**, Director Military Sciences,  
RUSI

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0900 - 1000 **Session One: Opening Session**

*Chair:* Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Professorial Research Fellow, RUSI

**Speaker:** Rt Hon James Arbuthnot MP, Chairman, House of Commons Defence Committee

Discussion Session

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0940 - 1100 **Session Two: Finance**

*Chair:* Michael Codner, Director Military Sciences, RUSI

**Speakers:** Professor Trevor Taylor, Professorial Research Fellow, RUSI

'The Financial Perspective on a UK Defence Review'

**Professor Ron Smith, Professor of Applied Economics, Birkbeck College and Associate Fellow,  
RUSI**

'Public Finances and the Defence Budget'

Discussion Session

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1100 - 1130 Morning Coffee

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1130 - 1300 **Session Three: Process**

*Chair:* Michael M. Kurth, Managing Director, Boeing Defence UK Ltd

Speakers: **Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Professorial Research Fellow, RUSI**

**Dr Andrew Dorman, Senior Lecturer, Defence Studies Department, Joint Services Command and Staff College, King's College London, and Associate Fellow, Chatham House**

Discussion Session

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1300 - 1430 Lunch

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1430 - 1600 **Session Four: Where Are We Now: The Current State of the Armed Forces and the Commitments they Discharge**

*Chair: James Fanshawe CBE, Defence Adviser, Allocate Software plc*

Speakers: **Lieutenant General Sir Robert Fry KCB CBE, Vice President EDS Defence & Security, and Member of Council, RUSI**

**Lieutenant General Sir John Kiszely KCB MC, Visiting Professor in War Studies, King's College London**

Discussion Session

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1600 - 1620 Afternoon Tea

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1620 - 1745 **Session Five: Hard Strategic Choices – Discussion Panel**

*Chair: Lieutenant General Sir Robert Fry KCB CBE, Vice President EDS Defence & Security, and Member of Council, RUSI*

Discussants: **Professor Paul Cornish, Carrington Chair in International Security and Head of the International Security Programme, Chatham House**

**Professor Philip Sabin, Professor of Strategic Studies, Department of War Studies, King's College, London**

**Professor Peter Hennessy, Attlee Professor of Contemporary British History, Queen Mary, University of London**

**Professor Martin Alexander, Professor of International Relations and Convenor MScEcon in Strategic Studies, Department of International Politics, University of Aberystwyth**

Discussion Session

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1745 Reception