

The Future Defence Review: Red Teaming a Green Paper

Part of the RUSI Future Defence Review Event Series

13 January 2010

Programme

0800 – 0850 **Registration and Coffee**

0850 – 0900 **Administrative Remarks** (Dr Lee Willett, Head, Maritime Studies Programme, RUSI)

0900 – 1030 **Session One: Conclusions of the Green Paper**

The Ministry of Defence will discuss the progress of the Green Paper and its emerging findings

Chair **Professor Michael Clarke**, Director, RUSI

Keynote Address **Tom McKane**, Director General Strategy, Ministry of Defence

0930 Discussion Session

1030 - 1100 Morning Coffee

1100 - 1235 **Session Two: Red Teaming the Green Paper I – the Green Paper in the Context of UK National Security**

This session will provide a critical, constructive comment on the MoD's Green Paper, of its strategic principles and choices and the questions it is addressing. It will also discuss whether the Green Paper is addressing the right questions.

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

Dr Ian Kearns, Senior Fellow, RUSI

Jeremy Carver, Consultant, Clifford Chance

Professor Ziauddin Sardar, Scholar, Journalist and Writer, and Visiting Professor of Postcolonial Studies, City University, London

1140 Discussion Session

1235 - 1315 **Session Three: The Green Paper, the General Election and Party Defence Policies I**

- Do the opposition parties accept or challenge the thinking in and conclusions of the Green Paper?
- What will be the implications for the Defence Review of the next Government accepting or rejecting the Green Paper process and conclusions?
- Based on what is known about the Green Paper, how will its analysis influence or otherwise the development of party defence and security policies and election manifestos?

Chair **Professor Michael Clarke**, Director, RUSI

Speaker **Baroness Neville-Jones of Hutton Roof DCMG**, Shadow Security Minister for the Conservative Party and National Security Adviser to the Leader of the Opposition

1315 - 1415 Lunch

1415 - 1540 **Session Four: Red Teaming the Green Paper II – Perspectives from Overseas**

This session will analyse recent defence reviews conducted by some of the UK's key allies. In examining the processes, principles and choices addressed in these reviews, the session will present international perspectives on both what the UK can learn from these reviews and on the UK's own current defence policy and defence review process. It will examine international perceptions of what sort of UK will emerge from the FDR, where the UK will fit into other nations' strategic thinking and what sort of partner will UK be, and how this will affect relationships with the UK. It will ask whether the UK defence policy direction which will emerge out of FDR, will be coherent with - or will diverge from - policies of those key allies.

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

Speakers **Professor James Bergeron**, Political Advisor, Headquarters Striking Force, NATO

Etienne de Durand, Senior Research Fellow and Director Security Studies Center, IFRI, France

1500 Discussion Session

1540 - 1600 Afternoon Tea

1600 - 1730 **Session Five: The Green Paper, the General Election and Party Defence Policies II**

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Chair **The Rt Hon Lord Robertson of Port Ellen KT GCMG HonFRSE**, Deputy Chairman of TNK-BP, former Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and former United Kingdom Secretary of State for Defence

Speakers **Nick Harvey MP**, Member of Parliament for North Devon and Shadow Defence Secretary for the Liberal Democrats

The Rt Hon Adam Ingram MP, Member of Parliament for East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow

1630 Discussion Session

1730 **Closing Session: Red Teaming the Green Paper – Looking for the Weak Spots**

This session will sum up and analyse the conference discussions, will highlight key issues and lessons and – in the context of the debates at the conference and in the Green Paper itself – will examine where the UK defence policy thinking now finds itself looking forward to the conclusion of the Green Paper and the development of the FDR. The session also will examine the future direction of – and challenges to – both the thinking in British defence and security policy as well as UK defence and security itself.

Concluding

Remarks **Professor Michael Clarke**, Director, RUSI

Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Professorial Research Fellow in British Security Policy, RUSI

1815 **Conference Reception**