

RUSI 'Whither Welfare' Workshop

Examining Welfare for Serving Personnel, Veterans and Military Families

16 June 2010

0900 - 0930 Meet and Greet Minister for Personnel, Veterans and Welfare

0930-1000 Session One:

Chair : **Sir Rob Fry**, Council Member, RUSI

Speaker : **Andrew Robathan MP**, Veterans Minister, Ministry of Defence

Discussion Session

1000-1130 Session Two: Welfare Today

Chair : **Lieutenant General (Retd) Anthony Palmer**, former Director (Personnel), Ministry of Defence, UK

Speakers : **Ben McBean** formerly of 40 Commando Royal Marines
'Welfare from the Receiver's Perspective'

Elizabeth Quintana, Head Military Technology & Acquisition, Military Sciences, RUSI
'Whither Welfare?'

Discussion Session

1130-1145 Morning Tea and Coffee

1145-1315 Session Three: Response and Practical Steps

This session will comprise 3 half-hour discussion sessions examining the main recommendations from the RUSI paper, There will be no presentations from the panellists just free discussion. All comments will be off the record.

Chair : **Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord David Craig**

Speakers : 'Rationalising the Sector'

Air Vice-Marshal Tony Stables RAF (ret'd), Chairman, COBSEO

Mrs Tracey Vennai, Deputy Head Pensions Compensation and Veterans, Ministry of Defence

Sue Freeth, Director Welfare, Royal British Legion

Discussion Session

'Ensuring Better Co-ordination'

Air Vice-Marshal Tony Stables RAF (ret'd), Chairman, COBSEO

Mr Gary Lewitt, Head Service Conditions and Welfare, Ministry of Defence

Bryn Parry, Director, Help for Heroes

Discussion Session

'Outsourcing MoD Welfare'

Major General (Retd) Andrew Cumming, Chief Executive, SSAFA

Captain Tim Martin RN, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff Welfare and Support, Royal Navy

Discussion Session

1315 **Session Three : Summary and Conclusions**

Elizabeth Quintana, Head, Technology & Acquisition, RUSI

1330 **Lunch**

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