

# Time for Trade-Offs: the Strategic Defence and Security Review 2010

## The RUSI Future Defence Review Event Series

14 June 2010

### Programme

0845 – 0920 **Registration and Coffee**

0920 – 0930 **Administrative Remarks** (Dr Lee Willett, Head, Maritime Studies Programme, RUSI)

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0930 – 1030 **Session One: Opening Address**

In this session, the United Kingdom Government will discuss the progress of the Strategic Defence and Security Review, and its emerging thinking and challenges

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

Opening Address **The Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP**, Secretary of State for Defence

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1030 - 1150 **Session Two: Commitments**

This session will focus on potential trade-offs in the strategic decisions the UK may face. These may include:

- Prioritising 'home' commitments (including contributions to NATO and European Union operations close to Europe, as well as domestic national priorities) *versus* interventions further afield on the international stage, 'away' from such domestic priorities
- Focusing on commitments of national obligation, and the demands for national autonomy, *versus* operations of choice

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

Speakers **Paul Johnston**, Director International Security, Foreign & Commonwealth Office

**Professor Theo Farrell BA MA (UCD) PhD (Bristol)**, Head of Military Studies Research for the King's War Studies Group, Department of War Studies, King's College, London

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

**Commodore Steven Jermy Royal Navy**, Teaching Fellow, Department of War Studies, King's College, London

**Dr Robert Johnson**, Lecturer in the History of War, University of Oxford

1100 Discussion Session

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1150 - 1210 Morning Coffee

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1210 - 1330 **Session Three: Capabilities**

As the UK examines options for developing military capabilities to support its policy priorities, this session will examine the force structure choices the UK may face, including:

- Retaining appropriate national autonomy in defence capabilities *versus* providing capabilities to make a contributory commitment to coalition operations.
- Developing defence capabilities to support enduring and sustained engagement in interventions *versus* capabilities optimised to deliver strategic and operational agility.

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

Speakers **Professor Trevor Taylor**, Professorial Research Fellow in Defence Management, RUSI

**Professor Christopher Elliott CB MBE BSc MPhil**, Visiting Professor, University of Cranfield and Director, Doctrine and Strategic Analysis, General Dynamics UK Ltd

**Andrew Johnstone Burt**, Vice President Global Practice Leader – Public Sector, Booz and Company (UK) Pty Ltd

1250 Discussion Session

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1330 - 1430 Lunch

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1430 - 1550 **Session Four: Preparedness and Sustainment**

Some of the policy and force structure choices the UK may make in the SD&SR may have consequences for the UK's ability to support its national interests as and when required. This session will examine the issues – and risks – relating to maintaining sufficient preparedness, including:

- Maintaining forces with sufficient readiness levels *versus* force regeneration in times of crisis
- Sustaining sovereign defence industrial capacity *versus* increasing collaboration with - or buying 'off-the-shelf' from - overseas partners

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

Speakers **Sir Brian Burridge KCB CBE**, Vice President Strategic Marketing, Finmeccanica (UK) Ltd

**Professor Keith Hayward FRAeS**, Director Research, Royal Aeronautical Society

1500 Discussion Session

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1550 - 1610 Afternoon Tea

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1610 - 1730 **Session Five: Fireside Chat**

- 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 John Hutton, Chairman (designate), RUSI TBC

Discussants **Vincent Devine**, Director Strategy Unit (Policy Planning), UK Ministry of Defence  
**Sir Robert Fulton KBE**, Chief Executive Officer (designate), Global Leadership Foundation  
**Peter Wilson**, Principal, Libra Advisory Group  
**Michael Codner**, Director Military Sciences, RUSI

1730 **Conference Reception**