

Dr Paul Hollinshead

ADDENDUM TO APPOINTMENT AS SENIOR RESPONSIBLE OWNER FOR THE
NUCLEAR WARHEAD CAPABILITY SUSTAINMENT PROGRAMME

In addition to the responsibilities and accountabilities outlined in my letter to you of 2 July 2014, the publication of updated Guidance for Civil Servants on giving evidence to Parliamentary Select Committees on 17 October 2014 has prompted the need to bring new accountabilities to your attention.

Since your original letter, internal governance has changed and Director General Finance (DG Finance) will refer matters to the Head Office Management Group and/or the Defence Board or the Permanent Secretary as necessary (rather than the Defence Strategy Group).

In addition to your internal accountabilities you should also be aware that SROs will now be held personally accountable to Parliamentary Select Committees. You will be expected to account for and explain the decisions and actions you have taken to deliver the programme (or specific milestones). It is important to be clear that your accountability relates only to implementation: it will remain for the Minister to account for the relevant policy decisions and development.

As Nuclear Warhead Capability Sustainment Programme is in implementation, in your case this means that from the date of signature of this letter you will be held personally accountable for delivery and could be called by Select Committees.

The Programme Status, including the available budget, was reflected in your most recent quarterly report on the programme to the MPA. As you'll be aware information on the programme status and progress of the programme is published annually by the MPA.

I note that you are enrolled for MPLA accreditation. It is also understood that, because of your other responsibilities you will not be able to devote yourself to this role in a full time capacity. You should ensure that you notify the Head of Defence Portfolio and Approvals Secretariat (DP&AS) in good time of your departure and of any proposed transfer of your SRO role to a future SRO. You will remain as SRO until notified otherwise in writing by DP&AS; your SRO-ship will not (as a rule, exceptions to be agreed by DG Finance) automatically cease upon a change of post but when your successor is formally appointed.

As per the Cabinet Office guidance on Giving Evidence to Select Committees (October 2014), this appointment letter and your name will be published.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Thompson, Permanent Under-Secretary of State
Ministry of Defence

Approved by

Tony Meggs, Chief Executive, Major Projects Authority: 5 August 2015