

Item	Discussion and Decisions	Action/Lead
1. Introductions	Morag Stuart introduced herself as the new chair for the meeting. She highlighted key areas of discussion from the DSF Main on 23 March, and committed to providing the minutes from the meeting to the Mid-tier membership. She highlighted the important role mid-tiers will play in delivering the innovation agenda including meeting MOD's commitments to SMEs.	Chair

	<p>Action 1: Provide a copy of the DSF Main minutes to Mid-Tier members</p> <p>The three managed service providers working on DE&S transformation are PWC, Ch2m and Bechtel who are working to setup a balance matrix organisation. MOD is standing up 11 functions and will be rolling out a project control structure. There will be a new Oracle 12 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system called Contracting Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) in Sept-Oct this year to replace the existing Purchase to Payment (P2P) which will affect all Mid-Tiers.</p> <p>Action 2: An update on DE&S Transformation update will be provided in the October DSF Mid-Tier meeting.</p> <p>Industry raised changes to the Single Source profit rate. MOD recognises that this methodology could usefully be developed further, and has asked the SSRO to review it over the coming months, including with industry.</p>	<p>Sec</p> <p>Sec</p>
2. SDSR and Innovation	<p>The Defence Strategic Direction (DSD) guidance document sets out the requirements for Front Line Commands for the next five years. This guidance document is backed by the annual Departmental Plan that is shorter and more direct than its predecessors. The DSD will see how to advance the SDSR themes including prosperity, productivity, innovation and international collaboration. Industries view on these themes will be considered at the Shrivenham 9 acquisition conference. These SDSR themes will be important in the refresh of defence industrial policy and the SDSR recognised that the Government remains committed to the key principles of the 2012 National Security through Technology White Paper.</p>	Will Jessett
3. Cross-Government Steel Action Plan	<p>MOD, along with key steel producers participated in the Cabinet Office led steel procurement working group. The working group created new guidance to government on its future steel procurement requirements.</p> <p>The new guidelines promote pre-market engagement, more stringent criteria for supplier selection and the need for competition for all non-contracted steel procurement. The MOD's focus is on steel rather than other commodities.</p>	Richard Marwood
4. DGP	<p>The DGP focus is on securing export led growth and customers around the globe. Jointly led by BIS and industry. Allan Cook has recently been appointed as the new industry co-chair. A £10M joint Government and Industry funded project is being set up to look at dual use technology exploitation (DUTE) for civil and defence business. More information on this can be found at www.dute.co.uk. 90 new Systems Engineering Masters-level Apprenticeships (SEMA) have been set up with Cranfield University to increase engineering in Defence. The DGP offers an opportunity for overseas partners to work with the UK Defence Solution Centre on developing a tailored response to their defence challenge. UKTI DSO is developing approaches to facilitate Government to Government packages. Industry and Government recognise that demonstrating progress at Farnborough is a key milestone for the DGP.</p>	Chris Owen
5. AOB	<p>An assessment of Government's approach to assessing export licences was requested. Industry has requested for the next Mid-Tier session to be more interactive with a portion of the meeting dedicated to finding a solution to a particular Defence problem appropriate at the time. Suggested questions should be provided to Industry on this topic prior to the meeting to help discussion.</p>	Chair