Business Plan 2011-2015

Ministry of Defence

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A) Vision

Against the backdrop of the National Security Strategy and the outcome of the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR), our priorities from now until 2015 are:

To succeed in Afghanistan – the main effort for the MOD. Our Armed Forces are working to protect the UK by creating security and stability in Afghanistan and training members of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) to help the Afghans to provide their own security in the future.

To continue to fulfil our standing commitments, including strategic intelligence, the strategic nuclear deterrent, defence against direct threats to the UK and its overseas territories, counter-terrorism and military aid to the civil authorities. Carrying out these roles is essential to our security and supports key British interests around the world.

To succeed in other operations we are required to undertake, by providing a defence contribution to UK influence, by defending our interests by projecting power strategically and through expeditionary operations, and by providing security for stabilisation.

To promote defence exports consistent with export control criteria; as part of a defence diplomacy programme to strengthen British influence and help support British industry and jobs.

To implement the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) by restructuring the Armed Forces and their capabilities; rebuilding the Armed Forces Covenant; and developing a New Employment Model.

To deliver the Defence Reform Unit's review which will identify ways of creating a simpler and more effective organisation and determine how the MOD can deliver significant reductions in running costs.

To deliver Defence in the most effective, efficient and sustainable way by meeting benchmarking, efficiency and Government sustainable development targets, building on the Defence Reform Unit's review.

Liam Fox, Secretary of State for Defence



B) Coalition Priorities

Major responsibilities

Our main focus is to succeed in Afghanistan

• Work to create security and stability in Afghanistan, including by training members of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) to help the Afghans to provide their own security in the future

We will continue to fulfil our standing commitments

• Defend against direct threats to the UK and its overseas territories, provide strategic intelligence, maintain our strategic nuclear deterrent, support counter-terrorism work (CONTEST) and provide military aid to the civil authorities

We will prepare for success in any other operations that we are required to undertake

 Respond to external threats (intervention operations) and natural disasters; provide support to conflict prevention and stabilisation operations; carry out defence diplomacy, engagement and capability building activities; and build constructive bilateral relationships including with the US and France; and multilateral relationships in particular NATO (including the new Strategic Concept); facilitated by defence attachés and advisers and including activities such as international training and joint exercises

We will promote defence exports consistent with export control criteria

Work with the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills to establish the Defence Exports Group and re-invigorate our relationships with international partners



B) Coalition Priorities

Structural Reform Priorities

- 1. Restructure the Armed Forces and their capabilities
 - Ensure that the UK has the required Force Structure, training and equipment to carry out operations, as part of the implementation of the SDSR
- 2. Rebuild the Armed Forces Covenant and develop the New Employment Model
 - Develop the New Employment Model and rebuild and formalise the Armed Forces Covenant which represents a promise of fair treatment, on behalf of the nation, to ensure our Armed Forces and their families are valued and respected, as part of the implementation of the SDSR
- 3. Deliver the Defence Reform Unit's review
 - Identify and deliver ways to create a simpler and more effective department, including significant reductions in running costs
- 4. Deliver Defence in the most effective, efficient and sustainable way
 - Meet benchmarking, efficiency and Government sustainable development targets, building on the Defence Reform Unit's review



B) Coalition Priorities

The Department will no longer...

...support or aim to provide elements of the existing force structure which the SDSR has concluded should not feature in Future Force 2020, for example:

- We will withdraw Harrier from service early
- We will decommission HMS ARK ROYAL early
- We will reduce the non-deployable administrative structure of the Services
- We will reduce the number of heavy armour platforms
- We will not bring into service the Nimrod MRA4 maritime patrol aircraft
- We will reduce the number of Tornados



C) Structural Reform Plan

The Coalition is committed to a programme of reform that will turn government on its head. We want to bring about a power shift, taking power away from Whitehall and putting it into the hands of people and communities, and a horizon shift, making the decisions that will equip Britain for long term success. For too long citizens have been treated as passive recipients of centralised, standardised services. This Government is putting citizens back in charge, and Structural Reform Plans are part of this shift of power from government to people.

This section sets out how, and when, the Department will achieve the reforms that are needed to make this happen. Structural Reform Plans are key tools for holding departments to account for the implementation of Programme for Government commitments, replacing the old top-down systems of targets and central micromanagement.

Each month, the Department publishes a simple report on its progress in meeting these commitments. These reports are available on our departmental website and on the Number 10 website.

All legislative timings and subsequent actions are subject to the Parliamentary timetable and approval.



1. Restructure the Armed Forces and their capabilities	<i>Ensure that the UK has the required Force Structure, training and equipment to carry out operations, as part of the implementation of the SDSR</i>
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ACTION	IS I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	<u>Start</u>	End
1.1 Coi	nduct the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) including Armed Forces	Completed	-
cap	ability reviews		
1.2 Pul	olish the National Security Strategy (NSS)/SDSR White Paper	Completed	-
1.3 Sta	rt implementing SDSR outcomes	Ongoing -	
1.4 Bui	ild constructive bilateral relationships including with the US and France; and		
mu	Itilateral relationships in particular NATO		
i.	. Implement US / UK Defence Trade Co-operation Treaty	Started	Mar 2012
i	i. Establish A400M Joint User Group with France	Completed	
i	ii. Conduct Joint User Group study on A400M to inform operating techniques and	Started	Dec 2014
	procedures and identify opportunities for synthetic and live training		
i	v. Identify potential to use Future Strategic Transport Aircraft (FSTA) spare capacity to	Started	Jul 2011
	meet French requirement for AAR and air transport (AT)		
V	 New NATO Command Structure agreed by the Alliance 	Jun 2011	Jun 2011
V	i. UK commitment to new NATO Command Structure implemented	Mar 2016	Mar 2016
1.5 Tak	te forward work to develop the Queen Elizabeth Class Carriers		
i.	Interim report presented to the MOD's internal Investment Approvals Board	May 2011	May 2011
1.6 Tak	te forward restructuring activities as set out in the SDSR		
i	. Implement key restructuring activities in the Royal Navy, including:		
	a) Remove the Royal Navy component of the Joint Harrier Force from service	Completed	-
	b) Decommission HMS ARK ROYAL	Completed	
	c) Reduce by four the number of frigates	Completed	-
	d) Place at extended readiness a landing and command ship	Started	Mar 2012
	e) Decommission one Bay-class amphibious support ship	Completed	



1. Restructure the Armed Forces and	Ensure that the UK has the required Force Structure, training and
their capabilities	equipment to carry out operations, as part of the implementation of the SDSR
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ONS	Start	End
Take forward restructuring activities as set out in the SDSR (continued)		
f) Reduce the number of Royal Navy Personnel by around 5,000	Started	Apr 2015
(1) Deliver Tranche 1	Started	Sep 2012
(2) Identify Tranche 2	Oct 2011	Apr 2012
(3) Identify Tranche 3	Apr 2012	Oct 2012
ii. Implement key restructuring activities in the Army, including:		
a) Reduce the non-deployable regional administrative structure to enhance our	Started	Mar 2015
focus on front-line capabilities		
b) Restructure to deliver five multi-role brigades	Started	Apr 2015
c) Reduce our holdings of Challenger 2 main battle tanks by 40%	Completed	-
d) Reduce our heavy artillery armoured vehicles (AS90) by around 35%	Completed	-
e) Rationalise wider equipment holdings in the light of experience on operations	Started	Apr 2020
and improved fleet management		
f) Reduce the number of Army Personnel by around 7,000	Started	Apr 2015
(1) Deliver Tranche 1	Started	Sep 2012
(2) Identify Tranche 2	Oct 2011	Apr 2012
(3) Identify Tranche 3	Apr 2012	Oct 2012
(4) Identify Tranche 4	Oct 2012	Apr 2013
g) Restructure HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) and deployable divisional	Apr 2012	Apr 2015
headquarters		
iii. Implement key restructuring activities in the Royal Air Force (RAF), including:		
a) Reduce the Tornado Fleet from 40 to 18 Force Elements	Started	Mar 2015
b) Remove the RAF component of the Joint Harrier Force from service	Completed	-



1. Restructure the Armed Forces and	Ensure that the UK has the required Force Structure, training and
their capabilities	equipment to carry out operations, as part of the implementation of the SDSR
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ACTIONS	Start	End
.6 Take forward restructuring activities as set out in the SDSR (continued)		
c) Accelerate Typhoon Force growth and increase multi-role capability	Started	Mar 2018
d) Switch to the more capable carrier variant of Joint Strike Fighter	Started	Apr 2023
e) Withdraw the three variants of the TriStar transport/tanker aircraft from service	Started	Apr 2013
f) Reduce the role of the VC-10 transport/tanker aircraft to undertake air-to-air	Completed	
refuelling (AAR) only		
g) Reduce the number of RAF Personnel by around 5,000	Started	Apr 2015
(1) Deliver Tranche 1	Started	Sep 2012
(2) Identify Tranche 2	Oct 2011	Apr 2012
(3) Identify Tranche 3	Apr 2012	Oct 2012
.7 Restructuring activities for Interim Force 2015 implemented in the Royal Navy, the	Started	May 2015
Army and the Royal Air Force		

2. Rebuild the Armed Forces Covenant and develop the New Employment Model (p.1 of 4)

AC	<u>TIONS</u>		<u>Start</u>	End
2.1	Intro	luce Armed Forces Bill	Completed	-
2.2	Issue	a revised Service Personnel sub-Strategy to include New Employment Model	Started	Mar 2011
	(NEM) principles		(Overdue
	i.	NEM Estimate Team Study to confirm NEM Programme scope, feasibility and	Completed	-
		resourcing		
	ii.	Conduct Future Accommodation Project	Started	Jun 2012
		a) Deliver Future Accommodation Project Interim Report	Dec 2011	Dec 2011
		b) Deliver Future Accommodation Project Final Report	Jun 2012	Jun 2012
	iii.	Conduct NEM studies identified by NEM Estimate	Apr 2011	Jun 2012
	iv.	Deliver NEM Report to include costed options to inform Planning Round 2013	Sep 2012	Sep 2012
	۷.	Develop policy and implement endorsed NEM Report outcomes	Sep 2012	TBC
2.3	Adjus	t the pay and allowances provision afforded to Service personnel, ensuring a		
	balan	ced and fair remuneration package while maintaining affordability		
	i.	Double operational allowance for Service personnel	Completed	-
	ii.	Include Service pay in the Fair Pay Review		
		a) Review interim report	Completed	-
		b) Fair Pay Review Final Report Published	Completed	-
2.4	Devel	op rest and recuperation (R&R) arrangements to ensure a balanced use of		
		irces, provide value for money and minimise disruption to Service personnel heir families		
	i.	Compensate Service personnel who have lost days from their R&R with extra days	Completed	-
		during their post-operational leave		
		during their post-operational leave		

2. Rebuild the Armed Forces Covenant and develop the New Employment Model (p.2 of 4)

ACT	<u>IONS</u>		<u>Start</u>	End
	ii.	Ensure short tours are no longer than 119 days to minimise disruption to Service	Completed	-
		personnel and their families		
2.5	Cons	ider changing the rules so that Service Personnel only have to register once on		
	the S	ervice register to be able to vote		
	i.	Agree data sharing arrangements between MOD and Electoral Registration Officers	Started	May 2011
2.6	Cond	uct the Future Reserves 2020 Study	Started	Aug 2011
	i.	Conduct Phase 1. Establish the Defence requirement for Reserves and define the	Completed	-
		strategic principles around which the balance between Regular and non-Regular		
		manpower should be designed.		
	ii.	Conduct Phase 2. Design a range of single Service Reserve Force structures and	Started	May 2011
		force generation options which meet the operational requirement.		
	iii.	Conduct Phase 3. Develop a detailed concept and outline plan for implementation of	May 2011	Jul 2011
		the new Reserves' structures.		
	iv.	Deliver Future Reserves Study.	Aug 2011	Aug 2011
2.7	Maint	ain and further improve the health and social care provided to both serving and		
	ex-Se	ervice personnel		
	i.	Develop plan to implement the in-service elements of the Murrison Report	Completed	-
	ii.	Implement the in-service recommendations from the Murrison Report on mental		
		health services for Service personnel		
		a) Conduct post-deployment mental health project	Started	Sep 2014
		b) Research developing a post-deployment mental health / post traumatic stress	Started	Sep 2011
		disorder screening tool		

2. Rebuild the Armed Forces Covenant and develop the New Employment Model (p.3 of 4)

<u>CTIONS</u>	Start	End
c) Incorporate enhanced mental health assessments (EMHA) into routine Service		
and discharge medical examinations		
(1) Run a tri-Service trial	Started	Jul 2011
(2) Deliver EMHA Report	Aug 2011	Aug 2011
(3) Implement endorsed EMHA findings	Oct 2011	Dec 2011
iii. Work with the Department of Health to implement ex-Service personnel elements of		
the Murrison Report		
a) Launch a dedicated 24-hour support line for ex-Service personnel	Completed	-
b) Commission a national service to improve access to mental health services for	Completed	-
veterans, including the introduction of 30 mental health nurses (or equivalents)		
in Mental Health Trusts		
c) In co-operation with 'Big White Wall' or similar network, design a mental	Started	Sep 2011
wellbeing website		
iv. Include the ability for veterans to use Defence Departments of Community Mental	Started	May 2011
Health (DCMH) for 6 months after their release from service in medical policy		
.8 Seek to improve education provision to Service personnel and their dependants		
i. Provide university and further education scholarships for the children of Service	Started	Oct 2011
personnel killed on active service		
a) Secure stakeholder agreement to implementation process	Completed	-
b) Design process to administer scholarships	Started	Sep 2011
ii. Work with the Department for Education to scope the Troops for Teachers	Completed	-
programme		
a) Publish Department for Education Schools White Paper including the Troops for	Completed	
Teachers intent		



2. Rebuild the Armed Forces Covenant and develop the New Employment Model (p.4 of 4)

ACTIONS	5	Start	End
2.9 Conduct Youth Engagement Review		Started	Nov 2011
i. Deliver Youth Engagement Review Interim Report		Jul 2011	Jul 2011
ii. Deliver Youth Engagement Review Final Report		Nov 2011	Nov 2011
2.10 Publish the Armed forces Continuous Attitude Survey		Completed	-

3. Deliver the Defence Reform Unit's review

Identify and deliver ways to create a simpler and more effective department, including significant reductions in running costs

AC ⁻	<u>FIONS</u>		<u>Start</u>	End
3.1	Estab	lish the Defence Reform Unit, led by Lord Levene	Completed	-
3.2	Cond	uct work-stream analysis to review effectiveness and efficiency of:	Started	May 2011
	i.	Policy, strategy, financial planning and performance management		
	ii.	Armed Forces force generation, including harmony and tour length		
	iii.	Acquisition and support		
	iv.	Corporate services and estate		
		a) Establish Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)	Completed	-
		b) Establish Defence Business Services (DBS)	Jul 2011	Jul 2011
	٧.	Top-level governance, and the most senior posts	Started	Jul 2011
3.3	Comp	lete the Defence Reform Unit's review		
	i.	Present Defence Reform Unit findings to the Defence Secretary	Jul 2011	Jul 2011
	ii.	Publish Defence Reform Review Report and Response	Sep 2011	Sep 2011
	iii.	Publish an implementation plan setting out how the Defence Reform Unit's review	Sep 2011	Sep 2011
		will be delivered		
3.4	Imple	ment Defence Reform Review endorsed outcomes	Sep 2011	Apr 2015
3.5	Redu	ce the number of MOD civilians in the core Department by around 20,000	Started	Apr 2015
	i.	Deliver Tranche 1 profile	Started	Mar 2012
	ii.	Deliver Tranche 2 profile	Apr 2012	Mar 2013
	iii	Deliver Tranche 3 profile	Apr 2013	Mar 2014
	iv.	Deliver Tranche 4 profile	Apr 2014	Mar 2015

4. Deliver Defence in the most effective, efficient and sustainable way (p.1 of 3)

Meet benchmarking, efficiency and Government sustainable development targets, building on the Defence Reform Unit's review

<u>AC</u>	<u>TIONS</u>		<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
4.1	Cont	inue to drive delivery of efficiencies over the Spending Review 2010 period,	Started	Apr 2015
	inclu	ding work under the Transforming Defence programme		
4.2	Defin	e future programmes for further efficiencies, including work under the	Started	Apr 2015
	Trans	sforming Defence programme, throughout the Spending Review 2010 period,		
	build	ing on the Defence Reform Unit's review		
	i.	Agree the Transforming Defence Portfolio	Oct 2011	Oct 2011
4.3	Take	forward activities to achieve efficiencies, including as part of the Defence	Ongoing	-
	Refo	rm agenda, and to reduce non-front line costs by £2bn per annum by 2014/15,		
	throu	ıgh:		
	i.	Endorse MOD Efficiency Programme, indentify a Senior Responsible Officer and	Completed	-
		agree implementation timetable	•	
	ii.	Implementing changes to Service and civilian allowances	Started	Apr 2015
	iii.	Estate rationalisation (both sales and running cost savings)	Started	Apr 2020
		a) Interim announcement on planning for the return of personnel from Germany	Jul 2011	Jul 2011
		and the associated rationalisation of the Defence Estate		
	iv.	Equipment support savings	Started	Apr 2015
		a) Establish Defence Suppliers Forum (DSF)	May 2011	May 2011
		b) Conduct Major Project Review Group (MPRG) review of Successor Deterrent	Completed	
		c) Implement Submarine Enterprise Performance Programme (SEPP) to deliver at	Started	Apr 2022
		least £900M savings over 10 years		
		1) SEPP Initial Gate Business Case submission to Investment Approval	Aug 2011	Oct 2011
		Board		
		2) Place BAES Foundation Contract	Started	Mar 2012

4. Deliver Defence in the most effective, efficient and sustainable way (p.2 of 3)

Meet benchmarking, efficiency and Government sustainable development targets, building on the Defence Reform Unit's review

ACTIO	ONS	Start	End
	3) Place Rolls-Royce Foundation Contract	Started	Dec 2012
	4) Place Babcock Marine Foundation Contract	Started	Mar 2013
	v. Training efficiencies	Started	Apr 2015
	vi. Administrative cost savings	Started	Apr 2015
	a) New administrative cost regime defined	Started	Sep 2011
	vii. Reductions in commodity spend	Started	Apr 2015
	viii. Contract renegotiation to effect the SDSR cost reductions, and make savings across	Started	Apr 2015
4.4	contracts Achieve annual savings identified in MOD Efficiency Programme		
	i. Year 1	Started	Apr 2012
	ii. Year 2	Mar 2012	Apr 2013
	iii. Year 3	Mar 2013	Apr 2014
	iv. Year 4	Mar 2014	Apr 2015
4.5	Publish a Logistics sub-Strategy	Started	Oct 2011
4.6 I	Publish a White Paper: Policy on equipment, support, and technology for UK	Started	Oct 2011
(defence and security		
4.7	Review of Single Source Pricing Regulations (The Yellow Book)	Started	Jul 2012
	i. Deliver initial report	Jul 2011	Jul 2011

4. Deliver Defence in the most effective, efficient and sustainable way (p.3 of 3)

Meet benchmarking, efficiency and Government sustainable development targets, building on the Defence Reform Unit's review

ACTIONS		<u>Start</u>	End	
4.8 Define and deliver a long-term sustainable development strategy				
i. Identify sustainable development principles	1	Completed	-	
ii. Identify sustainable development vision, goals and objectives that are aligned with		Completed	-	
Government sustainability targets and that produce benefits for Defence				
iii. Identify the key areas of Defence where the application of the principles will produce		Completed	-	
the greatest improvement in performance				
iv. Identify a supporting behavioural and governance change programme		Completed	-	
v. Publish Sustainable Development sub-Strategy		Apr 2011 (Ove	erdue)	
vi. Monitor the delivery of defined programmes		May 2011	Mar 2015	
vii. Sustainable Development sub-Strategy objectives and targets achieved		Apr 2015	Apr 2015	



D) Departmental expenditure

This section sets out how the Department is spending taxpayers' money as clearly and transparently as possible.

We have included a table to show the Department's planned expenditure over the Spending Review Period, as agreed with the Treasury. It is split into money spent on programmes (including the frontline), and capital (for instance new buildings and equipment).

We have included a bubble chart setting out in detail how our settlement will be allocated for the 2011/12 financial year, across key programmes and activities.



Table of spending for 2011/12 to 2014/15

This section sets out the Department's planned expenditure over the Spending Review period, as agreed with the Treasury.

£Bn ¹²³	Baseline 2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Total departmental expenditure allocation	32.9	33.8	34.4	34.1	33.5
Programme spending⁴	24.3	24.9	25.2	24.9	24.7
Capital spending	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.2	8.7

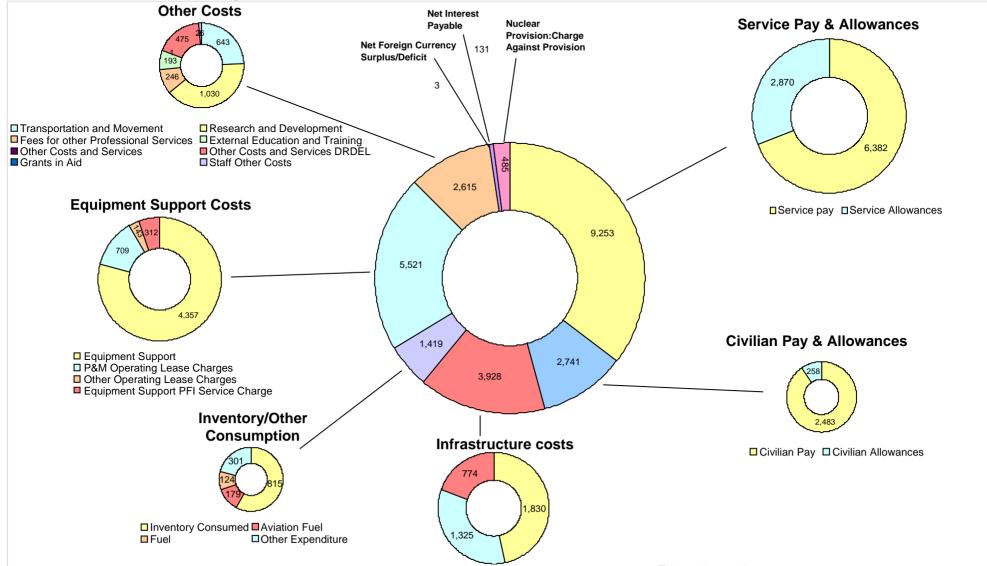
Programme spending: spending on activities, goods and services, such as pay and benefits. Capital spending: spending on assets with a lasting value, such as buildings and equipment.

- 1. Detailed breakdown of these budgets will be published by April 2011
- 2. Excludes departmental Annually Managed Expenditure
- 3. Numbers may not sum due to rounding
- 4. Excludes depreciation



Planned Departmental Expenditure 2011/12

This bubble chart sets out further detail on how our settlement will be allocated for the 2011/12 financial year, across our key programmes and activities



□ Property Management Minor Works □ Other Infrastructure Costs □ IT and Comms Costs



Common Areas of Spend

This data aims to let the public compare MoD operations against other public and private sector organisations, by setting out the cost of common operational areas against common data standards. Here, departments are setting out historical data from 2009/10 to form a baseline for future updates.

In 2009/10, the MoD¹...

... employed 75,230 civilian full-time equivalent (FTE) people; engaged 1,237 temporary staff and had an average staff cost of £31,465

... had an office estate of 278,601 sqm with a cost of £91.7M equating to a cost per occupying FTE of £4,476

... procured goods and services with a cost of £22.1Bn with third party suppliers, and were able to provide detailed categorisation for 75% of this

... had major projects with a value of £67.1Bn of which the largest were Typhoon and Future Strategic Transport Aircraft (FSTA)

... spent £812m with third party suppliers on ICT and had an average cost of user access devices (broadly equating to desktops) per FTE of £1,661

... managed expenditure of £1.4bn, and spent £2.8bn on civilian staff costs and £9.5bn on military personnel costs

... spent £565.7M on the HR, Finance, Procurement, Legal and Communications aspects of Corporate Services

... identified 1,597 incidents of Fraud but were unable to provide a value.

... spent and granted £920M to Small and Medium Enterprises and £151M with Voluntary and Charitable Sector

During the baseline year, few of the data standards above were available for consistent comparison across government. So historical data has not always been prepared on a consistent basis. Departments have set out caveats and exceptions that explain how their data fits with the common standard, and are critical to understanding this data. We are working to improve substantially the quality of data and particularly consistency across departments.

More detailed data, the caveats, definitions and supplementary information is available in Annex A. In future, we will publish updates to this information as part of our regular reporting of business plan data.

Notes:

1. Organisations covered: Ministry of Defence. Organisations excluded: Hydrographic Office, Meteorological Office (Met Office), Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl)



E) Transparency

Transparency is key to improved outcomes and productivity in our public services. Public reporting of data promotes higher quality and more efficient services, choice and accountability. Transparency is a driver of economic growth because it enables the development of tools to support users, commissioners and providers of public services.

This section sets out how departments will publish information that will allow taxpayers to assess the efficiency and productivity of public services, holding them more effectively to account. The commitments in this section will be kept under continuous review – it is essential that public services are consistently pro-active in publishing information to help citizens make the best decisions and routinely appraise their success in delivering meaningful transparency to their users.

This Business Plan makes commitments to the publication of key data sets that will improve the transparency of the public service – at the same time, it commits to providing data that is of good quality so that it can be used for effective comparison and to publishing this information in such a way so that it is as accessible as possible. In addition, departments are expected to work with data users to promote awareness of new data sets as they are published so that they become the focus of innovation and enterprise.

In most cases, the data¹ will be available free of charge.

1. This excludes the data that MOD Trading Funds are permitted to sell in the commercial marketplace under their trading fund status.



Information strategy (p.1 of 2)

All work on transparency will be taken forward at Board level by 2nd Permanent Under Secretary. Implementation of transparency will be taken forward by the MOD Chief Information Officer.

Our approach to transparency

Increased transparency will help improve accountability, efficiency and effectiveness. We are committed to increasing the transparency of our information and data, while taking into account the need to protect certain types of information, especially for security reasons, in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. The proactive publication of data online (in re-usable format wherever possible) is key to achieving this, and data will be published in line with the Public Data Principles wherever possible.

A considerable amount of information is available via MOD's corporate websites, and our FOI Publication Scheme helps the public understand what information they can access from the department. As new datasets are published, they will be signposted on <u>www.data.gov.uk</u>.

The principles of transparency are built into the Department's internal Information Strategy and Plan.

Right to Request data

In addition, the public are able to request data from the Department in advance of legislative changes under existing FOI mechanisms. This enables us to process and track requests via established means, and to ensure consistency of approach on those occasions when data needs to be withheld, by reference to FOI exemptions. We will seek wherever possible to put data into a reusable format before release.

The Department has certain responsibilities for national security issues. As far as possible, information on these activities has been made available as part of this business plan. However, national security concerns prevent certain information from being published. Where this is the case, departments are working with the Treasury and Cabinet Office to agree separate, internal systems of accountability to ensure efficient and effective use of public money.



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Publication of Data

As at April 2011, 171 published Defence datasets were signposted via <u>www.data.gov.uk</u>. In addition, much work has been done, and is in hand, to deliver the transparency commitments set out by the Prime Minister in May 2010, to release new data relating to:

- ICT contracts
- Tender documents for contracts over £10,000
- New items of central government spending over £25,000
- New central government contracts over £10,000
- Names, grades, job titles and pay rates for the most senior Civil Servants and NDPB officials
- Organograms

Further work is underway to embed the principles of transparency across the Department, including its Trading Funds. The principles, and benefits will be included in plans and in letters of delegation. In addition, work is ongoing to progressively identify additional classes of data and new datasets for publication. New datasets will, wherever possible, be published in reusable format, and with accompanying underlying data to help users understand the published dataset. New datasets will be clearly signposted as they are published on <u>www.data.gov.uk</u>.

Statistical Reports

The MOD is unable to publish the underlying raw datasets behind some statistical reports for data protection reasons, since it would be possible to identify individual service personnel and MOD civilians from the raw data. However, the wider data behind many MOD official statistics publications can be accessed in aggregate format via the MOD's Build Your Own Table statistical tool available at <u>www.dasa.mod.uk</u>.

Input indicators

The Department will adopt the following indicators to help the public scrutinise our inputs:

Input indicator	When will publication start?	How often will it be published?
Additional cost of operations in Afghanistan, per Service person deployed	April 2011	Annual
Additional cost of new equipment (urgent operational requirements) for operations in Afghanistan, per Service person deployed	April 2011	Annual
Cost of standing military commitments/tasks and contingent operations per committed Service person	April 2011	Annual
Average percentage by which the cost of the MOD equipment programme varies compared to forecasts in year	April 2011	Quarterly
Cost of major force elements, per ship, per brigade, per aircraft (fixed wing), per helicopter	April 2011	Annual
Cost/benefit ratio of the major change and efficiency programmes being undertaken in Defence	Apr 2011	Biannual
Percentage of non-front line costs versus front line costs, split by Service	Apr 2011	Annual
Direct personnel costs, per Service person	Apr 2011	Annual
Direct personnel costs, per MOD civilian	Apr 2011	Annual
Defence spending as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product*	Apr 2011	Annual

*Using the NATO definition of defence expenditure



Impact indicators

The Department will adopt the following impact indicators:

Impact indicator	When will publication start?	How often will it be published?
Progress toward a stable and secure Afghanistan from written updates to Parliament ¹	Ongoing	Monthly
Number of Service personnel deployed to support civil agencies (e.g. police and fire service) during emergencies (including counter-terrorism)	Apr 2011	Annual
Number of attachés and advisors deployed in support of conflict prevention and defence diplomacy activities	Apr 2011	Annual
Number of Service and MOD civilian personnel deployed on all operations in a year	Apr 2011	Annual
Number of Force Elements (typically ships, aircraft or ground force sub units) showing critical or serious weakness against the total number of Force Elements for Strategy of Defence priorities	Apr 2011	Annual
Average number of months that the MOD equipment programme is delayed in year	Apr 2011	Quarterly
Percentage of Service personnel that are deployable	Apr 2011	Annual
Percentage change in filling skills areas where there are insufficient trained Service personnel to meet the specified requirements	Apr 2011	Annual
Percentage of Service personnel (split by Officers and Other Ranks) who are satisfied with Service life in general	Apr 2011	Annual
Overall public favourability of the UK Armed Forces	Apr 2011	Annual

1. The Foreign Secretary lays as a Written Ministerial Statement in the House on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence and the Secretary of State for International Development.



Other data

We will publish a full range of datasets and our full departmental organogram on our website: <u>www.mod.uk</u> under the Transparency Section.

Other key data:

UK Armed Forces Quarterly Manpower Statistics (requirements, strengths, intake and outflow from the Armed Forces by Service)

UK Regular Armed Forces Stationed Location (stationed location and movements of UK regular forces worldwide)

UK Armed Forces Quarterly Mental Health Report

Operational Fatality and Casualty Statistics (fatality and casualty statistics for UK military and UK civilians on operations in Afghanistan)

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey Main Results (information on the attitudes, opinions and circumstances of serving military personnel)

Civilian Personnel Statistics (MOD civilian workforce by grade equivalence and budgetary area, and total civilian time series)

UK Regular Forces Rank Structure

UK Defence Statistics (the annual statistics compendium of the Ministry of Defence)

MOD Annual Reports and Accounts

Annual assessment of affordability (annual assessment of the affordability of the equipment and support programme against the 10 year financial horizon)

Ministry of Defence Statistics via Build Your Own Table (tool that allows users to generate tables of defence statistics in the format they require, including service personnel statistics, MOD civilian statistics and war pensions statistics)