

**An MoD spokesperson said:**

**“Keeping our personnel and our assets safe is our absolute priority and our security arrangements are kept under continual review and frequently tested. In 2012 we completed a very careful examination of the requirements for the guarding of Defence establishments in the UK and concluded that there was scope to make sensible and prudent savings in the way that these activities are carried out while still maintaining effective security. We continue to fully safeguard all of our sites, including nuclear facilities, and would never contemplate changes that would place these in jeopardy.”**

**Background:**

- **MOD Police are just one of the security providers we use in the MOD and in some cases, military personnel are now in roles previously delivered by MOD Police.**
- **The concerns that the Police Committee raised over overtime and sickness levels are being addressed by the Chief Constable, and progress is being reported to the Committee. There is an ongoing programme of external recruitment and the first batch of recruits deployed to their operational stations in Oct.**