

Defence Ministerial Committee(08)3rd Meeting

DEFENCE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

28th JULY 2008

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

1. At the Defence Ministerial Committee meeting on 28 July 2008, the Committee discussed the implementation of the Streamlining Programme, the examination of the Equipment Programme and Defence Strategic Guidance 2008 (DSG 08).
2. On Streamlining, PUS briefed the Committee on progress to date with the implementation of the programme, and the conclusions the Defence Board had reached at its Away Day on 23 July. The Committee endorsed those conclusions in doing so it:
 - a. welcomed the work that had been done by the Programme Director, his team and Head Office staff;
 - b. agreed that once the programme had been implemented, the Department would require an evidence based regime that included a meaningful set of metrics that would provide clear measurement of the effect of implementation;
 - c. agreed that Committee members should discuss with their immediate teams what they would do differently to improve interaction between senior leadership and the wider Department, and that they should make clear their expectation that others should do the same.
3. On the examination of the Equipment Programme, PUS briefed the Committee on the conclusions the Defence Board had reached at its Away Day on 23 July. The Committee endorsed those conclusions, and gave direction on further work that should take place to enable decisions to be made in the autumn.
4. On DSG 08, the Committee noted the outcome of the Defence Board Away Day discussions in anticipation of approving the final text once changes had been made by the Policy Director's team.

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