

## **DEFENCE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2009**

The Defence Ministerial Committee meets as necessary at the direction of the Secretary of State. In practice it usually meets on average once a month.

Given the difficulty in arranging top level meetings at short notice it is standard practice routinely to programme dates well in advance, to be used or cancelled as required. On this basis, meetings of the Defence Ministerial Committee are routinely scheduled in principle for the third or fourth Wednesday of every month bar August. When planning specific dates for any given year we apply this provisional schedule flexibly to reflect public holidays and certain fixed points in the Department's cycle. We do not in practice expect to use every date scheduled.

Dates for 2009 are:

4<sup>th</sup> February

4<sup>th</sup> March

29<sup>th</sup> April

27<sup>th</sup> May

24<sup>th</sup> June

22<sup>nd</sup> July

30<sup>th</sup> September

28<sup>th</sup> October

25<sup>th</sup> November