

Strategic Defence and Security Review – Nov 2015

The key details



£12 billion increase to Ministry of Defence Equipment budget over the next ten years



30% increase in counter-terrorism budget



Two new rapid reaction brigades to be created from existing Army numbers



£6bn added to the cost of Trident replacement, with successors delayed till 2030s

“A stark contrast to five years ago.”

Analysis

Today's announcement is a stark contrast to the deep cuts imposed on the MoD five years ago. The Government is clearly eager to demonstrate willingness and ability to project power overseas – against hostile governments if necessary, but particularly against the terrorist threat. The question is whether a suitable balance can be struck between overseas commitments and domestic security, particularly when rumours are circulating of further cuts to Home Office policing”

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