

AIM

Deliver security for the people of the United Kingdom and the Overseas Territories by defending them, including against terrorism, and act as a force for good by strengthening international peace and stability.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Objective I: Achieve success in the military tasks we undertake at home and abroad.

1. *Achieve the objectives established by ministers for operations and military tasks in which the United Kingdom's Armed Forces are involved, including those providing support to our civil communities.*
2. *By 2008, deliver improved effectiveness of UK and international support for conflict prevention by addressing long-term structural causes of conflict, managing regional and national tension and violence, and supporting post-conflict reconstruction, where the UK can make a significant contribution, in particular Africa, Asia, Balkans and the Middle East. **Joint with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development.***

Objective II: Be ready to respond to the tasks that might arise.

3. *Generate forces which can be deployed, sustained and recovered at the scales of effort required to meet the Government's strategic objectives.*
4. *Play a leading role in the development of the European Security Agenda, and enhance capabilities to undertake timely and effective security operations, by successfully encouraging a more efficient and effective NATO, a more coherent and effective European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) operating in strategic partnership with NATO, and enhanced European defence capabilities. **Joint with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.***
5. *Recruit, train, motivate and retain sufficient military personnel to provide the military capability necessary to meet the Government's strategic objectives.*

Objective III: Build for the future.

6. *Deliver the equipment programme to cost and time.*

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERY?

The Secretary of State for Defence is responsible for the delivery of this PSA. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs is jointly responsible for delivery of target 4 and, together with the Secretary of State for International Development, target 2.

The Secretary of State for Defence is also responsible for delivering the agreed efficiency target set out in the Ministry of Defence chapter of the 2004 Spending Review White Paper.

