

PRESS NOTICE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE : MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

The Queen has approved that Peter Blaker, Esquire, MP, be appointed Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

The Prime Minister has decided to revise the Ministerial structure of the Ministry of Defence. There will in future be two Ministers of State in the Department. One, who will be known as the Minister of State for the Armed Forces, will, under the Secretary of State for Defence, be responsible primarily for administrative matters, including personnel and logistics, for all three Services; and the other, to be known as the Minister of State for Defence Procurement, will be similarly responsible for equipment and related matters.

There will also be two Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State, one for the Armed Forces and the other for Procurement. The present appointments of Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State for Defence for the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force are abolished.

Ministerial responsibilities will be as follows:-

Mr. Peter Blaker MP to be the Minister of State
for the Armed Forces

Lord Trenchard to be the Minister of State for
Defence Procurement

Mr. Philip Goodhart MP to be the Parliamentary Under-
Secretary of State for the Armed Forces

Mr. Geoffrey Pattie MP to be the Parliamentary Under-
Secretary of State for Defence Procurement

/Mr. Blaker

Mr. Blaker is not being replaced in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and his former responsibilities will be allocated to other Ministers in that Department.

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