

UK Pledges £340 Mln to Airbus A350  
Britain will pledge £340 million in loans to plane-maker Airbus to make sure a part of its upcoming A350 passenger jet is built in the UK.  
New York Times  
MoD must step up its FoI performance  
The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has formally disciplined the MoD for not responding to freedom of information (FoI) requests quick enough.  
Defence Management  
Russia aims to start making MiG-35 fighters for India in 2013  
Production of MiG-35 multirole fighters offered for sale to India cannot start before 2013 or 2014, a Russian aircraft maker said on Thursday.  
RIA Novosti  
Government Airbus A350 announcement welcomed by UK aerospace industry body  
The Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC) has today (Friday) welcomed the announcement by Lord Mandelson at Airbus in Filton that the Government is to support the UK's involvement in the Airbus A350XWB programme.  
SBAC Press Release  
Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth 'unfit to lead war'  
Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth was branded unfit to lead the war in Afghanistan yesterday after calling the public 'defeatist' about the conflict with the Taliban.  
Daily Mail  
Afghan victory 'in a few years'  
Robert Gates, the US defence secretary, yesterday rejected the idea of US troops staying in Afghanistan for decades, insisting the Taliban and al-Qaeda could be defeated in "a few years", although he agreed development efforts would continue long afterwards.  
Financial Times