

(As asserted by Dr Liam Fox, Conservative Shadow Secretary of State for Defence, in various speeches at his party's conference in September 2008)

- \* New strategic defence review
- \* Update planning assumptions of 1998
  
- \* Use less Urgent Operational Requirements, change existing funding arrangements between Ministry of Defence and Treasury
- \* Would take account of what we can afford – reduce commitments but fully fund
- \* Further SDRs every 4-5 years
- \* Pull out of European Defence Agency
- \* Equipment to be more affordable, capable and adaptable to facilitate exports
- \* More help for defence exports, including extra personnel in Iraq
- \* No UK part in any integrated European defence agreement
- \* Would not allow Chinese officers to study at Sandhurst
- \* Support for aircraft carriers but not necessarily Tranche 3 Typhoon
- \* Accept use of force in Iran over nuclear weapons if no leadership change at June 2009 elections
- \* Patience and persistence in Afghanistan and give them "Whatever they need to do their job successfully and safely".