



Following the sacking of short-serving - 84 days - Secretary of State for Defence Penny Mordaunt (a reservist Royal Navy Lt) by new Prime Minister Johnson, the ministerial team now seems to be;

Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP - Secretary of State (formerly Security Minister. MiD as a Lt with Scots Guards, subsequently worked for Qinetiq before becoming an MP)

Rt Hon Mark Lancaster MP - Minister for the Armed Forces (continues in position. Mark is a reservist Lt Col)

Baroness (Annabelle) Goldie - Minister of State (answers on defence in the Lords. Unpaid)

Anne Marie Trevelyan MP - Minister for Defence Procurement (Junior minister, previously a PPS at MoD)

Johnny Mercer MP - Minister for Defence People and Veterans (Junior Minister. Retired Army captain who served 3 tours in Afghanistan)

Immediate issues facing the team :

\* Protecting UK shipping in the Gulf

\* Shortage of escort ships (long term - short term maintenance issues)

\* Warrior capability update and other capital programme delays and overspends (is there another Black Hole in the budget?)

\* Manpower shortages/ non-recruitment

\* Prosecution of Northern Ireland veterans

\* Leaving the EU - EDA and participation in EU operations

This post will be updated if/when more info published.