

UK Defence Crisis



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DEFEND UK DEFENCE JOBS, SKILLS AND SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

The government's inertia on this issue is an act of self-harm. With employers planning in the dark and threatening job losses as a result, the government needs to stop the dither and delay.

"Failing to back British defence manufacturing would be a devastating own goal, destroying jobs and skills.

"When the announcement was made for higher defence spending, it came with guarantees around jobs, skills and innovation. We now need to move beyond the warm words and deliver.

We want the government to:

1. Protect jobs and skills

Commit to new Typhoon and Airbus aircraft orders to secure high-skilled aerospace jobs, protect UK manufacturing capacity, and sustain the specialist skills the defence industry depends on for the future.

2. Invest in British manufacturing

Award the new medium-lift helicopter contract to Leonardo, securing 3500 jobs in manufacturing at its Yeovil plant in Somerset.

3. Build in Britain

Guarantee that the Ministry of Defence's Military Satellite Communications System (Skynet) continues to be built in Portsmouth and Stevenage, as it has been for the past 20 years.

The UK already has the lowest investment rates in the G7. Government dithering is putting thousands of skilled jobs at risk and threatening the specialist expertise we need to build fighter jets, helicopters, drones and satellites for the future.

