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Life in the Military – Defence Investment Plan

£15 billion new funding boost to transform Armed Forces and keep the UK safe - GOV.UK

Following on from the Strategic Defence Review additional funding has just been announced by the government in the Defence Investment Plan designed to strengthen military readiness, accelerate the drone transformation, boost future fighter jets and strengthen the UK's nuclear deterrent.

This plan will increase defence funding from £54 billion a year under the previous government to almost £80 billion a year by 2029, and will see the UK's defence spending increase to 2.7% of GDP.

This means the proportion of GDP spent on defence will now be higher than at any time during the last thirty years by the end of this decade and puts the UK on track to meet NATO's defence spending targets by 2035.

This investment will be underpinned by a commitment to drive out waste and inefficiency, including tackling £250 million fraud and error, and accelerating investment in AI and procurement reform.

This investment plan will allow the country to continue renewing and rebuilding and ensure that the Armed Forces have the resources they need to meet this new era of threat.

Prayer points:

- Please pray for all those service personnel involved in the outworking of this Defence Investment Plan at ground level.
- Please pray for those seeking to ensure that there is a reduction in waste and inefficiency, that this will be done in a way that brings better efficiency without dismissing the insights and working knowledge of the personnel involved.
- Please pray for wisdom and skill for all those military and civilian personnel who will be developing new technologies and equipment in the coming months to ensure that we can deter and detect emerging threats even more swiftly and accurately.