

DEFENCE ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

GOVERNANCE

1. The Defence Environment and Safety Committee (DESC) is chaired by the Second Permanent Secretary and is part of the MOD corporate governance structure as set out in the Secretary of State's Policy Statement and JSP 525.

PURPOSE

2. To advise the Second Permanent Secretary in carrying out his responsibilities as the MOD Process Owner for safety and environmental protection (EP) for the Ministry of Defence.

3. The DESC will support 2nd PUS in carrying out his responsibilities of:

- providing, through the Safety and EP Strategy, strategic direction and setting objectives on behalf of the Defence Board, and ensuring that the objectives are clearly represented in TLB Command Plans.
- assessing and prioritising the Department's safety and EP risks, setting objectives and targets to manage those risks, and driving continual improvement in performance.
- considering the safety and EP risks arising from Planning Round options and providing advice to the Defence Board.
- monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the Department's safety and EP strategy, objectives and targets.
- providing assurance to the Permanent Secretary and the Secretary of State that the management of safety and EP is effective and complies with SofS's policy, on the basis of reports received from TLB Holders, TFA Chief Executives, DG MAA and D DSEA.
- monitoring the implementation of the Duty Holder structure in TLBs.

MEETINGS

4. As required.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman: 2nd Permanent Secretary

Members: Top Level Budget Holders (Duty Holders) or their representatives
at 2*/3* level
DG MAA
D DSEA
DMC - Head of Sec & New Media

Secretariat: DSEA - Corporate Policy and Assurance

To receive papers and attend as necessary:

Chief Executives of Defence Trading Fund Agencies

CIO

DCDS Cap

DCDS (Pers & Trg) - Hd TESR

DCP

DJEP

SG