



House of Commons  
Defence Committee

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**UK land operations in  
Iraq 2007: Government  
Response to the  
Committee's First  
Report of Session  
2007–08**

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**Second Special Report of Session  
2007–08**

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## The Defence Committee

The Defence Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Ministry of Defence and its associated public bodies.

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### Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at: [www.parliament.uk/defcom](http://www.parliament.uk/defcom).

### Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Mike Hennessy (Clerk), Eliot Wilson (Second Clerk), Ian Rogers (Audit Adviser), Stephen Jones (Committee Specialist), Lis McCracken (Inquiry Manager), Richard Dawson (Committee Assistant), Christine McGrane (Secretary) and Stewart McIlvenna (Senior Office Clerk).

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# Report

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The Defence Committee published its First Report of Session 2007–08 on UK land operations in Iraq 2007 on 3 December 2007, as House of Commons Paper HC 110. The Government's response to this report was received on 4 February 2008. This is appended below.























