

DRAFT LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO ANNE TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN OF
THE ISC

I understand that the Clerk has asked whether I would be content for Dr David Kelly to give evidence to the ISC next week about his meeting with Andrew Gilligan on 22 May. As the Ministry of Defence indicated in the statement it issued on Tuesday 8 July there are no objections to Dr Kelly appearing.

I should point out, however, that it is unusual for such a junior MOD official to appear as the principal witness at the ISC. Given the exceptional circumstances, I am content but I would not regard this as setting a precedent. Given the public interest in this case I also wonder whether you would consider taking evidence from Dr Kelly in public session. I would not object.

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