

## BACKGROUND NOTE

1 Andrew MacKinlay is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and has had the opportunity to ask Dr Kelly direct about his dealings with Andrew Gilligan. The answer given to this PQ is drawn from information offered by Dr Kelly to MOD, and is consistent with his evidence to the FAC. Dr Kelly does not have a record of the date in February 2003 on which he met Mr Gilligan.

2. This PQ should be considered in conjunction with PQ 42334N and the draft letter from PS/Secretary of State to Clerk/FAC, both of which concern Dr Kelly's contacts with journalists.

**REMEMBER** you are accountable for the accuracy and timeliness of the advice you provide. Departmental Instructions on answering PQs can be viewed on the CHOTS public area and on DAWN. Please send to PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS.

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**DECLARATION:** I have satisfied myself that the above answer and background note are in accordance with the Government's policy on answering PQs, Departmental instructions (DCI GEN 150/97), and the Open Government Code (DCI GEN 54/98).

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