

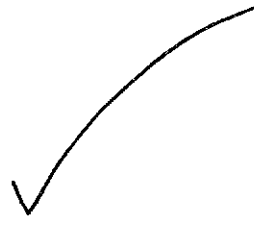
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IRAQ AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION : ISC HEARING

Issue

1. The ISC is likely to probe the Secretary of State and the former CDI about the process through which members of the DIS can express concerns about the misuse of intelligence; and on whether it was used at the time of the September dossier. How should we respond?

Recommendation

2. That the Secretary of State:

a. Agrees that we should remind the Committee that, like other members of MOD, DIS staff have the right to raise concerns about the misuse of intelligence through the line management channel ultimately to PUS and then to the Cabinet Secretary.

b. Notes that in the course of the extensive debate across the intelligence community at the time of the dossier, two members of DIST expressed concern to their immediate line management about the precise wording of some parts of it

c. Notes that these concerns were fully aired as part of the process of reaching consensus within the DIS and within the JIC, and that the individuals concerned acknowledge that they did not have access to some particularly sensitive intelligence which had also been taken into account in reaching final decisions on the wording of the dossier.