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To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which journalists Mr David Kelly has met over the past two years; other than Andrew Gilligan of the BBC, (a) for what purpose each meeting was held, and (b) when each meeting took place. 126331

Minister replying The Rt Hon Geoffrey Hoon MP

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Dr Kelly has records of having held meetings with the following journalists:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Nick Rufford (Sunday Times)	14 March 2002	Discussing Al-Manal
Alex Nicoll (Financial Times)	15 May 2002	Iraqi WMD in general
Phillip Sen (The Engineer)	3 October 2002	Inspection technology

Dr Kelly has also had meetings with Jane Corbin (BBC) on general UN Inspections and Tom Mangold (BBC) on UNSCOM Inspections, but has no record of the dates.

In addition, Dr Kelly has spoken with journalists about Iraq at a range of seminars and similar events, and on the telephone. For example, he met with Susan Watts (BBC), following his presentation at the Foreign Office Open day on the 5 November 2002. Dr Kelly has also discussed non-Iraq WMD matters on which he is an acknowledged expert.

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