



INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

ISC REVIEW OF MI5 ACTION ON 7 JULY BOMBERS

The Rt. Hon. Paul Murphy MP, Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee, today said:

“Our review of the Security Service handling of intelligence about two of the 7 July bombers, in light of what may have emerged as a result of the CREVICE trial, is now well underway.

“The review is examining the links between the CREVICE plotters and Mohammed Siddique Khan and Shazad Tanweer, to determine whether any intelligence which may have helped prevent the attacks was missed or overlooked.

“Those we are taking evidence from include the heads of the three security and intelligence Agencies and the police.

“In addition to taking new evidence, we are re-examining the evidence we were previously given, so as to explore whether we were fully informed during our initial inquiry, and therefore whether the conclusions reached in the Committee’s Report into the London Terrorist Attacks on 7 July 2005 still stand. We welcome the Prime Minister’s assurance, given during Prime Minister’s Questions on 2 May 2007, that we are entitled to call for any information needed in carrying out this review.

“Our aim is to place as much of the evidence and findings as is possible in the public domain. We understand that this is a matter of considerable concern, especially to the families and friends of those killed and to those injured in the terrible attacks on 7 July, and wish to assure the public that the questions raised will be fully and rigorously investigated and answered.”

Notes for Editors:

1. The Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) is established under the Intelligence Services Act 1994 to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the UK's three intelligence and security Agencies: the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) and the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). The ISC also takes evidence from Cabinet Ministers, the Permanent Secretary Intelligence Security & Resilience, and the Defence Intelligence Staff.
2. The Committee is a cross-party Committee. Members are appointed by the Prime Minister, following consultation with the Leaders of the Opposition parties. It reports to the Prime Minister, for reasons of national security, and the Prime Minister then publishes the Reports. The published version of the Report may contain some redactions, where the Committee has agreed that to publish the material would harm national security.
3. The Committee's membership is:
Rt. Hon. Paul Murphy, MP (Chairman)
Rt. Hon. Michael Ancram QC, MP Rt. Hon. Alan Beith MP
Mr Ben Chapman MP Rt. Hon. Lord Foulkes of Cumnock
Rt. Hon. George Howarth MP Rt. Hon. Michael Mates MP
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4. Copies of the Committee's *Report into the London Terrorist Attacks on 7 July 2005* (Cm6785) can be purchased from TSO for £10.50. The Report can also be found on the ISC's website: <http://www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/intelligence> .
5. Following what was revealed in the CREVICE trial about the links between the CREVICE plotters and two of the 7 July bombers, the Intelligence and Security Committee was asked by the Prime Minister to "reappraise all these matters". The Committee issued a press release on 10 May confirming that it had agreed to the Prime Minister's request.