



# INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT



CHAIRMAN: THE RT. HON. DOMINIC GRIEVE, QC MP

## **Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament: Chairman elected**

The Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament has today elected The Rt. Hon. Dominic Grieve, QC MP as its Chairman.

The membership of the Committee is therefore confirmed as:

The Rt. Hon. Dominic Grieve, QC MP (Chairman)  
The Rt. Hon. Sir Alan Duncan, MP  
The Rt. Hon. George Howarth, MP  
The Rt. Hon. the Lord Janvrin, GCB GCVO  
The Most Hon. the Marquess of Lothian, QC PC  
The Rt. Hon. Fiona Mactaggart, MP  
The Rt. Hon. Angus Robertson, MP  
The Rt. Hon. Keith Simpson, MP  
The Rt. Hon. Gisela Stuart, MP

There will be no further comment on any issue until it meets formally for the first time after the House has returned in October.

15 September 2015

## **Notes to Editors**

1. The Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (ISC) is a statutory committee of Parliament that has responsibility for oversight of the UK intelligence community. The Committee was originally established by the Intelligence Services Act 1994, and has recently been reformed by the Justice and Security Act 2013.
2. The Committee oversees the intelligence and security activities of the UK, including the policies, expenditure, administration and operations of the Security Service (MI5), the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) and the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). The Committee also scrutinises the work of other parts of the UK intelligence community, including the Joint Intelligence Organisation and the National Security Secretariat in the Cabinet Office; Defence Intelligence in the Ministry of Defence; and the Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism in the Home Office.
3. The Committee consists of nine members drawn from both Houses of Parliament. The Chair is elected by its members. The Members of the Committee are subject to Section 1(1) (b) of the Official Secrets Act 1989 and are routinely given access to highly classified material in carrying out their duties.
4. The Committee sets its own agenda and work programme. It takes evidence from Government Ministers, the Heads of the Intelligence Agencies, officials from the intelligence community, and other witnesses as required.
5. The Committee produces an Annual Report on the discharge of its functions. The Committee may also produce Reports on specific investigations.