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APPG on Drones Inquiry Evidence Session
'The Use of Armed Drones: Working with Partners'

Witnesses:

General Sir Richard Barrons
Former Commander, Joint Forces Command

Air Marshall Greg Bagwell CBE
Former Chief of Staff Joint Warfare Development PJHQ and Deputy Commander, RAF

Air Marshall Iain McNicoll CBE
Former Director General of Joint Doctrine and Concepts, Deputy Commander, RAF

4.00pm, Wednesday 7 December 2016
Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

The APPG on Drones is launching a new inquiry into 'The Use of Armed Drones: Working with Partners.' The panel members will take evidence from General Sir Richard Barrons, Commander of Joint Forces Command from April 2013 – April 2016, Air Marshall Greg Bagwell, Deputy Commander of RAF Operations from April 2013 – June 2016, and Air Marshall Iain McNicoll, Deputy Commander-in-chief of RAF Operations from February 2007 – April 2010.

The purpose of the inquiry is to analyse the emerging technologies of drones and the ways in which the UK carries out joint and assisted operations with them, and make recommendations to ensure an appropriate level of transparency and accountability for those operations in Parliament. The inquiry will build on the JCHR report on 'The Government's Policy on the Use of Drones for Targeted Killing' which has cast doubt on the legal basis both for national drones policy and support for the use of lethal force outside armed conflict by the United States. The first evidence session comes at a time when President-elect Trump is set to inherit the Obama apparatus for targeted killing, the UK intends to acquire up to 26 new Certified Predator B or 'Protector' drones and the MoD is conducting a Defence Policy review into remotely piloted air systems.

Inquiry Chair: Professor Michael Clarke

All Members of both Houses and their staff are welcome to attend