



# INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT



## PRESS NOTICE - 11 March 2026

The Rt Hon. the Lord Beamish PC, Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (ISC), has provided the following statement on behalf of the Committee:

*“Further to our statement of 26 February, the Committee can confirm it has reached an agreement with the Cabinet Office as to the process by which the Committee will consider any documents pursuant to the terms of the motion of the House of Commons of 4 February 2026 that a Humble Address be presented to His Majesty. That agreement having been reached, on 5 March 2026 the Committee considered one document which contained a proposed redaction, and directed that that redaction be made on the basis that full publication of that information would be prejudicial to UK national security or international relations.”*

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. The Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (ISC) is a statutory Committee of Parliament. It is not a Select Committee.
2. The Committee consists of nine Members drawn from both Houses of Parliament, and appointed by Parliament. The Chair is elected by its Members.
3. The Committee oversees the intelligence and security activities of the UK Intelligence Community. The Committee was originally established by the Intelligence Services Act 1994, and was reformed , and its powers reinforced, by the Justice and Security Act 2013.
4. Its remit includes oversight of the policies, expenditure, administration and operations of MI5, MI6 (the Secret Intelligence Service or SIS) and the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), and the work of the other parts of the Intelligence Community, including the Joint Intelligence Organisation and the National Security Secretariat in the Cabinet Office; Defence Intelligence in Ministry of Defence; and Homeland Security Group in the Home Office.
5. The Members of the Committee are subject to Section I(1)(b) of the Official Secrets Act 1989 and are routinely given access to highly classified material in carrying out their duties.
6. The current Members of the Committee are:
  - The Rt Hon. the Lord Beamish PC (Chairman)
  - The Rt Hon. Sir Jeremy Wright KC MP (Deputy Chairman)
  - Baroness Brown of Cambridge DBE FREng FRS
  - Peter Dowd MP
  - Richard Foord MP
  - The Rt Hon. Sir John Hayes CBE MP
  - Jessica Morden MP
  - Derek Twigg MP
  - Admiral The Rt Hon. the Lord West of Spithead GCB DSC PC.
7. The Committee sets its own agenda and work programme. It takes evidence from Government Ministers, the Heads of the intelligence and security Agencies, officials from across the UK Intelligence Community, and other witnesses as required. The Committee makes an Annual Report on the discharge of its functions and also produces Reports on specific issues.
8. The Committee's dedicated Press Officer (Alex Hunt) can be reached at:  
  
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