

Lord-Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire: 25 June 2019

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Joanna Kennedy reappointed as Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery

Joanna Kennedy chairs the project board for the National Portrait Gallery's Inspiring People redevelopment. She is a civil engineer and project manager who has advised clients on and led the successful delivery of numerous major construction projects. She was a director and the global leader for programme and project management with Arup, where her projects included the Francis Crick Institute, the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre, the Horniman Museum and the National Maritime Museum Cornwall. She helped create the firm's project management business which twice won Project Management Company of the Year. She was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 1997 and has been Woman of the Year in the Inspire Awards for the Built Environment and CBI/Real Business First Woman of Engineering.

Kennedy is a non-executive director of Native Land Ltd and of the ERA Foundation, and her previous appointments have included trustee of the Science Museum and of Cumberland Lodge, deputy chairman of the Port of London Authority, commissioner of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 and chair of Buildings and Estates at the Royal College of Art. She was awarded the OBE in 1995 for services to consulting engineering.

This role is not remunerated. This appointment has been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments](#). The process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years is declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. Joanna has made no such declarations.

Consultation outcome: Food labelling: changing food allergen information laws

Seeking views on changing the food allergen information laws for food prepacked on the premises where it is sold (like sandwiches or salads).

History made as UK F-35s complete first operational missions

F-35s have flown alongside Typhoon aircraft on operational flights over the skies of Syria and Iraq, as part of the ongoing fight against Daesh, the Defence Secretary has confirmed.

It follows a successful training period in Cyprus, known as Exercise Lightning Dawn, aimed at building capability for the aircraft and supporting elements.

Due to the exceptional performance of the aircraft, pilots, and support staff during this time, it was decided that they were ready to make their operational debut from RAF Akrotiri, alongside the Typhoons.

Speaking at RAF Akrotiri, Defence Secretary Penny Mordaunt said:

The F-35s are the most advanced jets our country has ever possessed and will form the backbone of British air defence for decades to come.

They have passed every test their training has thrown at them with flying colours and their first real operational mission is a significant step into the future for the UK.

The first RAF F-35B operational sorties were flown on Sunday 16 June in support of Operation Shader, the UK contribution to the Global Coalition's counter Daesh mission in Iraq and Syria. The two aircraft conducted a patrol over Syria, and UK F-35s have flown a further 12 sorties since then.

The F-35 is the first aircraft to combine radar-evading stealth technology with supersonic speeds and the ability to conduct short take-offs and

vertical landings.

The Lightning force is jointly operated by the RAF and Royal Navy. With the ability to operate from land and sea, the F-35 forms a vital part of delivering a 'carrier strike' capability to the UK when combined with Britain's new Queen Elizabeth Class aircraft carriers.

Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier, said:

This first operational mission for the UK's F-35 Lightning confirms the impressive progress which we have made in introducing this formidable new capability into service.

It is testament to the outstanding abilities of our dedicated and highly trained air and ground crew that 617 Squadron has achieved this important milestone so quickly and so effectively.

Admiral Tony Radakin CB ADC, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, said:

It's great to see our F35B Lightning jets already proving themselves on operations so early in their life cycle, ably demonstrating the fantastic capability these world-leading aircraft offer.

This Autumn, our aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth will return to the East Coast of the United States to conduct Operational Trials with our Lightning Force, taking this 5th generation capability to the next level as they prove their ability to operate from the sea.

For decades to come, this exciting new combination of aircraft carriers and F35B Lightnings will provide a potent, globally deployable carrier strike capability, a powerful conventional deterrent and the centrepiece of our country's expeditionary forces.

Later in the year, 617 Squadron will embark in HMS Queen Elizabeth for the first time. The UK jets will conduct Operational Tests, alongside 17 Test and Evaluation Squadron, onboard the carrier in the USA during the WESTLANT 19 deployment, proving their capability at sea. This is vital step on the path to the first Carrier Strike Deployment planned for 2021.

The UK currently owns 17 F-35B aircraft with the reformed 617 Sqn arriving back in the UK last year. More jets are due in Britain over the coming years,

including the imminent arrival of 207 Sqn at RAF Marham, and there is an overall plan to procure 138 aircraft over the life of the programme.

The programme has already generated \$12.9 billion worth of orders and at peak production will support thousands of British manufacturing and engineering jobs.

UK Air Component Commander for the Middle East, Air Commodore Justin Reuter, said:

The pilots, crew and aircraft have exceeded all training objectives since deploying to Cyprus so it was only right that they made the next step on their journey.

The UK has played a vital role in liberating swathes of territory once subjected to Daesh's cruel regime, and the deployment of our newest and most advanced jets signals our commitment to the enduring defeat Daesh in Iraq and Syria.

The Defence Secretary also used the visit to hold a meeting with her Cypriot counterpart, Savvas Angelides, to further bolster bilateral ties.

Biomed Academy launched in Warsaw

Biomed Academy is a joint initiative of British Embassy Warsaw and the Polish Development Fund, in cooperation with the Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University.

The programme was agreed upon during the [third British-Polish intergovernmental consultations](#), which took place in December 2018 in London.

17 Polish healthtech firms were carefully selected to participate in the academy. Their representatives will take part in two weeks of workshops on business development and technology transfer, aimed at enhancing their business capabilities.

British Ambassador to Poland, Jonathan Knott, said upon launching the programme:

"Participants of this programme were selected on a competitive basis. We hope they will use this opportunity to develop, but also foster more and more partnerships between the UK and Poland."