

Nia Griffith responds to reports that a new defence review will be launched

Nia Griffith MP, Labour's Shadow Defence Secretary, responding to reports that a new defence review will be launched, said:

"The decision to hold a separate defence review cannot simply be an excuse to kick the difficult decisions facing the defence budget into the long grass.

"Just this week we have had serious warnings from the Head of the Army about the threats that this country faces and there has been growing concern that the Government's deep cuts to our nation's defences have left us ill-equipped to respond to those threats.

"The true test of any defence review will be whether it delivers real investment in our nation's defences and the resources that our Armed Forces so badly need. You cannot do security on the cheap and it is high time that the Government recognised this."