

Press release: Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Guatemala

2015 – present Guatemala City, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Honduras (based in Guatemala City) 2012 – 2015 FCO, Deputy Head, Climate Change and Energy Department 2008 – 2012 Lusaka, British High Commissioner (job share with her husband) 2003 – 2008 Bratislava, Deputy Head of Mission (job share with her husband) 2000 – 2002 Bangkok, Senior Public Diplomacy Officer 1999 FCO, Deputy Head, Cultural Relations Department 1999 FCO, Project Officer, Personnel Department 1998 – 1999 Maternity leave 1997 – 1998 FCO, Assistant Private Secretary, Minister for Europe's office 1995 – 1997 FCO, Desk Officer, Southern European Department 1993 – 1995 Bonn, Third Secretary Science and Technology 1993 Brussels, Stage at the European Commission 1990 – 1992 Tokyo, Private Secretary to the Ambassador 1988 – 1989 Tokyo, Economic Attaché 1987 – 1988 Language training (Japanese) 1986 – 1987 FCO, Visa Officer, Migration and Visa Department 1986 Joined FCO

News story: Campus visits

Law fairs are a good opportunity for students to find out more about the work of government lawyers and the [legal trainee scheme](#).

Please contact the universities listed below for further details about their law fairs.

University	Date
City, University of London	Wednesday 11 October
University of Sheffield	Wednesday 18 October
Newcastle University	Wednesday 18 October
University of Cambridge	Thursday 19 October
University of Nottingham	Monday 23 October
University of Warwick	Tuesday 24 October
King's College London	Thursday 26 October
London School of Economics	Thursday 26 October
University of Leeds	Thursday 26 October
Queen Mary, University of London	Tuesday 31 October
Cardiff University	Tuesday 31 October
Bristol University	Wednesday 1 November
University of Oxford	Saturday 4 November
University of Birmingham	Wednesday 8 November
University of Reading	Wednesday 8 November
University College London	Tuesday 14 November

University of Manchester	Tuesday 14 November
University of Southampton	Wednesday 15 November
University of Exeter	Wednesday 15 November
University of Essex	Wednesday 16 November
BPP University	Wednesday 22 November
University of Surrey	Wednesday 22 November
St Mary's University	Monday 27 November
London Law Fair	Wednesday 29 November

News story: Dodoma city development tops agenda of UK Trade Envoy's visit to Tanzania

UK Trade envoy visits Tanzania.

The British Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Tanzania, Lord Clive Hollick will visit Tanzania from 2nd to 4th of October, 2017. As part of his visit, Lord Hollick will travel to Dodoma with specialist UK Companies and meet with local leaders to further understand the Governments of Tanzania's plans for Dodoma.

The UK wants to assist in the realisation of Tanzania's vision for Dodoma and through partnership help deliver high-quality solutions for Dodoma's expansion.

Lord Hollick's visit comes during the Government of Tanzania's move to Dodoma which has seen an increase in population in the country's capital city and has necessitated a re-evaluation of key infrastructure needs to provide for the rapid increase in the number of people.

Lord Hollick will also hold meetings with the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication, the Ministry of Finance and Planning, local business leaders and British investors in Tanzania.

News story: Law tightened to target

terrorists' use of the internet

Counter-terrorism laws are to be updated to keep pace with modern online behaviour and to address the issue of online radicalisation, Home Secretary Amber Rudd has announced today.

The government intends to change the law, so that people who repeatedly view terrorist content online could face up to 15 years behind bars. The proposed changes will strengthen the existing offence of possessing information likely to be useful to a terrorist (Section 58 Terrorism Act 2000) so that it applies to material that is viewed repeatedly or streamed online. Currently the power only applies to online material which has been downloaded and stored on the offender's computer, is saved on a separate device or printed off as a hard copy.

The move to tighten the law around the viewing of terrorist material comes as part of a wide-ranging review of the government's counter terrorism strategy, following this year's terror attacks, and will help provide an important and effective way of intervening earlier in an investigation and disrupting terrorist activity.

The legal changes will also increase the maximum penalty from 10 to 15 years to reflect the seriousness of the offence and ensure perpetrators are locked up for longer.

The new maximum penalty of 15 years will also apply to terrorists who publish information about members of the armed forces, police and intelligence services for the purposes of preparing acts of terrorism (Section 58a of the Terrorism Act 2000). There have been a number of prosecutions for terrorism offences which have featured armed forces personnel (or military establishments) as targets for attacks, including the successful conviction of Junead Khan last year for planning to attack personnel at a USAF airbase in Norfolk, and of those responsible for the horrific murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby.

The updated offence will ensure that only those found to repeatedly view online terrorist material will be captured by the offence, to safeguard those who click on a link by mistake or who could argue that they did so out of curiosity rather than with criminal intent. A defence of 'reasonable excuse' would still be available to academics, journalists or others who may have a legitimate reason to view such material.

[News story: Home Secretary to consult](#)

on new laws on offensive weapons

Measures to ban the sale of acids to under-18s, prevent children purchasing knives online and restrict access to dangerous firearms will be among a series of legislative changes to be included in a public consultation on offensive weapons, the Home Secretary has announced.

The plans, unveiled by Amber Rudd, underline the government's determination to stamp out serious violent crime, and follow a recent rise in police-recorded knife and firearms offences, and an apparent increase in acid attacks.

Among the measures on which the government will consult are a new offence of possession of a corrosive substance in public and restricting online sales of knives so they cannot be delivered to a private residential address and must be collected at a place where age ID can be checked.

Amber Rudd also revealed plans for a new Serious Violence strategy for improving public safety and preventing violent offending, which will be published in early 2018.

The new offence of possession of a corrosive substance in public without a good or lawful reason will place the onus on the individual caught in possession to explain why they were carrying it, rather than on the police to prove that it was intended for use as a weapon. The Poisons Act will also be reviewed with a view to including sulphuric acid on the list of restricted substances.

The Home Office will consult on legislative proposals to restrict the online sale of knives so they cannot be delivered to a private residential address and must instead be collected at a place where age ID can be checked.

Other measures included in the consultation include:

- amendments to threatening with a knife or offensive weapon offence to lower the standard of proof for prosecutors
- moving two firearms (.50 calibre and certain rapid firing rifles) from the general licensing arrangements to the stricter provisions of section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968
- updating the current legislation on the definition of flick knives