

MOTION ON NOTICE

3 July 2017



Ministry of Defence Guard Service

Plymouth City Council opposes the Conservative government's plans to privatise the Ministry of Defence Guard Service, part of the Strategic Defence and Security Review, which could jeopardise the security of Devonport Dockyard and Naval Base, and put at risk the lives of service personnel, their families, dockyard employees and local residents. Amongst other duties, Ministry of Defence Guards are responsible for checking vehicles for explosives and sensitive work such as this should not be placed in the hands of the lowest bidder, as the Conservative government wants to do.

The MGS is professional and well-trained and their vital work should not be subject of a cost cutting exercise and a financial race to the bottom.

With the current terrorist threat, private companies run for profit, some of whom could not even organise security for the London Olympics, should not be put in charge of guarding Britain's sensitive military establishments.

We therefore call upon Plymouth's three Members of Parliament to publicly oppose these dangerous proposals and vote against them when possible.

Proposed by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Kate Taylor

Dated 26 June 2017