

# November 2006 Poll of MPs

## Attitudes towards nuclear deterrence

**“The UK should continue to maintain a nuclear deterrent for the foreseeable future”**

|                 | Strongly agree | Agree     | Disagree  | Disagree strongly | Don't know |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
|                 | %              | %         | %         | %                 | %          |
| <b>All</b>      | <b>28</b>      | <b>33</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>10</b>         | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>Con</b>      | <b>63</b>      | <b>31</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Lab</b>      | <b>11</b>      | <b>39</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>11</b>         | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>LD/other</b> | <b>4</b>       | <b>21</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>29</b>         | <b>17</b>  |

### NET AGREE/DISAGREE:

|                 | NET AGREE (%) | NET DISAGREE (%) |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>All</b>      | <b>61</b>     | <b>31</b>        |
| <b>Con</b>      | <b>94</b>     | <b>6</b>         |
| <b>Lab</b>      | <b>50</b>     | <b>39</b>        |
| <b>LD/other</b> | <b>25</b>     | <b>58</b>        |

**“The international security outlook makes a UK nuclear deterrent unnecessary”**

|                 | Strongly agree | Agree     | Disagree  | Disagree strongly | Don't know |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
|                 | %              | %         | %         | %                 | %          |
| <b>All</b>      | <b>13</b>      | <b>17</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>26</b>         | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>Con</b>      | <b>2</b>       | <b>6</b>  | <b>38</b> | <b>52</b>         | <b>2</b>   |
| <b>Lab</b>      | <b>15</b>      | <b>21</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>15</b>         | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>LD/other</b> | <b>29</b>      | <b>29</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>4</b>          | <b>4</b>   |

### NET AGREE/DISAGREE:

|                 | NET AGREE (%) | NET DISAGREE (%) |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>All</b>      | <b>30</b>     | <b>62</b>        |
| <b>Con</b>      | <b>8</b>      | <b>90</b>        |
| <b>Lab</b>      | <b>36</b>     | <b>50</b>        |
| <b>LD/other</b> | <b>58</b>     | <b>37</b>        |

**“The Treasury, rather than the MoD, should pay for any strategic nuclear deterrent capacity”**

|                 | <b>Strongly agree</b> | <b>Agree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>Disagree strongly</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                 | <b>%</b>              | <b>%</b>     | <b>%</b>        | <b>%</b>                 | <b>%</b>          |
| <b>All</b>      | <b>7</b>              | <b>23</b>    | <b>40</b>       | <b>15</b>                | <b>14</b>         |
| <b>Con</b>      | <b>12</b>             | <b>32</b>    | <b>28</b>       | <b>10</b>                | <b>18</b>         |
| <b>Lab</b>      | <b>5</b>              | <b>19</b>    | <b>49</b>       | <b>16</b>                | <b>10</b>         |
| <b>LD/other</b> | <b>5</b>              | <b>18</b>    | <b>36</b>       | <b>23</b>                | <b>18</b>         |

**NET AGREE/DISAGREE:**

|                 | <b>NET AGREE (%)</b> | <b>NET DISAGREE (%)</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>All</b>      | <b>30</b>            | <b>55</b>               |
| <b>Con</b>      | <b>44</b>            | <b>38</b>               |
| <b>Lab</b>      | <b>24</b>            | <b>65</b>               |
| <b>LD/other</b> | <b>23</b>            | <b>59</b>               |

**Methodology:** *CommunicateResearch surveyed 156 MPs between 13-29 November using self-completion questionnaires. Data were weighted to be representative of the composition of the House of Commons.*

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