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National Security Council

- Prime Minister (Chair)
- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office (Deputy Chair)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
- Secretary of State for the Home Department
- Secretary of State for Defence
- Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology
- Attorney General
- Minister of State (Minister for Security)
- Minister of State (Minister for Development and Africa)

Terms of Reference

To consider matters relating to national security, foreign policy, defence, trade strategy, international relations, development, resilience and resource security.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

National Security Council (Nuclear)

- Prime Minister (Chair)
- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
- Secretary of State for the Home Department
- Secretary of State for Defence
- Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

Terms of Reference

To consider issues relating to nuclear deterrence and security.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

National Security Council (Europe)

- Prime Minister (Chair)
- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office (Deputy Chair)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
- Attorney General

Terms of Reference

To consider matters of foreign policy and trade in relation to Europe.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

National Security Council (Resilience)

- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office (Chair)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Secretary of State for the Home Department
- Secretary of State for Defence
- Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations
- Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General

Terms of Reference

To consider issues relating to resilience.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

National Security Council (Economic Security)

- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office (Chair)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
- Secretary of State for the Home Department
- Secretary of State for Defence
- Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology
- Secretary of State for Business and Trade, and President of the Board of Trade, and Minister for Women and Equalities
- Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
- Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General
- Minister of State (Minister for Security)

Terms of Reference

To consider issues relating to economic security.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

National Science and Technology Council

- Prime Minister (Chair)
- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office (Deputy Chair)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
- Secretary of State for the Home Department
- Secretary of State for Defence
- Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology (Deputy Chair)
- Secretary of State for Business and Trade, and President of the Board of Trade, and Minister for Women and Equalities
- Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
- Secretary of State for Education
- Minister of State (Minister for Science, Research and Innovation)

Terms of Reference

To consider matters relating to strategic advantage through science and technology, and ensure R&D spend is managed effectively in accordance with plans and with impacts evaluated.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

Domestic and Economic Affairs

- Prime Minister (Chair)
- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office (Deputy Chair)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer (Deputy Chair)
- Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury (Chief Whip)

Terms of Reference

To consider matters relating to the economy and to home affairs.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

Domestic and Economic Affairs (Union)

- Prime Minister (Chair)
- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office (Deputy Chair)
- Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations (Deputy Chair)
- Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- Secretary of State for Scotland
- Secretary of State for Wales
- Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Terms of Reference

To consider matters relating to the Union of the United Kingdom.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

Domestic and Economic Affairs (Energy, Climate and Net Zero)

- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office (Chair)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
- Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology
- Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations
- Secretary of State for Business and Trade, and President of the Board of Trade, and Minister for Women and Equalities
- Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Deputy Chair)
- Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Secretary of State for Transport
- Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General
- Minister of State (Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero)

Terms of Reference

To consider matters relating to energy, and to the delivery of the United Kingdom's domestic and international climate strategy.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

Parliamentary Business and Legislation

- Lord President of the Council, and Leader of the House of Commons (Chair)
- Lord Privy Seal, and Leader of the House of Lords

- Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- Secretary of State for Scotland
- Secretary of State for Wales
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury (Chief Whip)
- Chief Secretary to the Treasury
- Attorney General
- Advocate General for Scotland
- Lords Chief Whip (Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms)
- Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office

Terms of Reference

To consider matters relating to the Government's parliamentary business and delivery of its legislative programme.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

Home Affairs Committee

- Chancellor of the Exchequer (Chair)
- Deputy Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office
- Secretary of State for the Home Department
- Secretary of State for Defence
- Lord Chancellor, and Secretary of State for Justice
- Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology
- Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations
- Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
- Lord President of the Council, and Leader of the House of Commons
- Lord Privy Seal, and Leader of the House of Lords
- Secretary of State for Business and Trade, and President of the Board of Trade, and Minister for Women and Equalities
- Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
- Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- Secretary of State for Education

- Secretary of State for Transport
- Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
- Minister of State (Minister without Portfolio), and Party Chair
- Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- Secretary of State for Scotland
- Secretary of State for Wales
- Chief Secretary to the Treasury
- Attorney General

Terms of Reference

To support collective agreement of matters relating to the implementation and delivery of domestic and economic policy.

Other Ministers will be invited according to the agenda.

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