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## IRAQ: THE DAY AFTER ISSUES

1. I read again over the Christmas holidays the MED and DSI papers you submitted to Mr O'Brien on Iraqi day after issues. I thought they read very well.
2. I have a few questions:
  - i) How far have these papers been shared with the US and major EU partners, including the very interesting paper – which I had not seen before – on Islamism in post-conflict Iraq?
  - ii) What work have DfID done on humanitarian aid and refugees? As I mentioned before Christmas to William Ehrman, Suma Chakrabarti told me recently that DfID felt a bit left out of Iraq policy, which was complicating their contingency planning on humanitarian issues. I think this has now been resolved. And are the Home Office involved, given the probability of large numbers of Iraqi refugees heading for Britain?
  - iii) Do we have contingency plans (including financial) if we need more CP teams for Embassy staff, bearing in mind that we are now at the limit of our agreement with the MOD?
  - iv) Do our and Treasury views coincide on the likely impact of conflict on oil prices?

Brief replies only: sorry if I'm behind the game.



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