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**PROTECTED PATROL VEHICLES: REVIEW**

The Secretary of State discussed with Minister(DP) and Minister(AF) earlier today the need urgently to review the protection available for troops conducting patrols on operations, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan. He would be grateful if Minster(DP) could set the necessary work in hand to provide Ministers with urgent, realistic, costed advice on whether there is anything more we can do to protect troops currently developed on the ground and to enable them to achieve their mission(s). In particular, the review should examine whether there are any vehicles with a higher level of protection than Snatch Landrovers which could be procured quickly (and if so, at what cost).

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