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PROTECTED PATROL VEHICLES (PPV)

1. The issue of PPVs was discussed in a briefing with the Secretary of State on 4 July 2006. The Secretary of State would be grateful if Min(DP) could follow up the key conclusions.
2. We agreed that the following was required:
  - a. Clear confirmation from Military Commanders that there was a requirement for a medium weight, armoured patrol vehicle as an alternative as to either using Landrover Snatch or Tracked Armoured Vehicles on operations.
  - b. Subject to confirmation of that requirement that we should proceed to investigate rapidly the vehicle options to deliver such a capability. This would be an interim solution whilst work continued on longer term solutions. The figure of around 50-100 vehicles was discussed – this would need to be refined.
  - c. Subject to all of the above, that we should aim to deploy such a fleet with the roulement of forces in Iraq due to take place in November 06.

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3. The Secretary of State discussed funding with the Chancellor after the meeting. It was concluded that in order to fund this project the MOD should initially use the £30M (£3M per month) contingency recently agreed by the Treasury for Iraq UORs and then seek additional funding to augment that as required.

4. Please now take this as a formal tasking to carry this work forward, updating the Secretary of State as appropriate at each stage.

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