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Dear John Glen MP,

I am writing to ask you to consider signing EDM 73 Trident and the Strategic Defence and Security Review.

The EDM highlights the need for the current Strategic Defence and Security Review to include all options for future defence, including options without the Trident nuclear weapons system. With the SDSR due to report later this year and a vote on Trident replacement expected in Spring 2016 this is the perfect opportunity to examine both the cost and security effectiveness of Trident.

The EDM also notes that the government is currently requiring other departments to make significant spending cuts. It is vital that as much information about international security circumstances and wider implications of Trident replacement are known by MPs and the public prior to the anticipated vote in 2016.

It is vital that Trident is included in the SDSR and I hope you will add your name to the MPs who have already signed EDM 73.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gloyns

Dear Peter

Thank you for your email about Trident and EDM 73.

As you know from previous correspondence, I remain a staunch supporter of Trident and regard it as an essential part of our national defences.

The Government policy is to maintain a continuous submarine-based deterrent and to proceed with our renewal of Trident. Work on that programme is already underway, although decisions on the number of submarines and final design will be taken in 2016.

I expect, and will be pressing for, the National Security Strategy and the SDSR to assess the full spectrum of risks that face this country and provide a robust analysis of the capabilities we require.

Very best

John

Dear John,

I am surprised that your support for Trident replacement is unshaken in the light of the financial situation we find ourselves in. Your ability to justify such expenditure when so many other services and developments are being curtailed will be severely tested in the coming months. I urge you to reflect on your position. Even if you can envisage a situation in which you would be prepared to support the use of this weapon, your ability to persuade the electorate that they wish you to spend their money in this way must be ebbing away.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gloyns

Dear Mr Gloyns

Thank you for your email – national security is the first duty of government and Trident is an essential part of that.

My Party's manifesto was clear on our commitment to renew Trident, and this was endorsed by the electorate.

Very best

John