

Troop movements

Key equipment and capabilities Army

New armoured Future Rapid Effect System (FRES) vehicles

Cost: £16 billion
Saving: £5 billion-£8 billion if cut back substantially
Risk: army says it desperately needs a new generation of armoured vehicles. Cuts in numbers or scrapping of whole programme would have a serious impact on its battlefield manoeuvre capability



Infantry

Cost: £720 million a year for 36 battalions
Saving: £60 million if three are scrapped
Risk: even worse overstretch for the Army and more frequent tours of Afghanistan



Key equipment and capabilities RAF

Eurofighter/Typhoon

Cost: £20 billion
Saving: £2 billion if order for 232 is cut by 30
Risk: RAF might be forced to prolong the life of the Tornado GR4 bomber



Sources: MOD, Treasury, Times research

Troop strengths April 1, 2009

Army: 94,590 trained, 11,870 untrained



Navy: 34,400 trained, 3,940 untrained



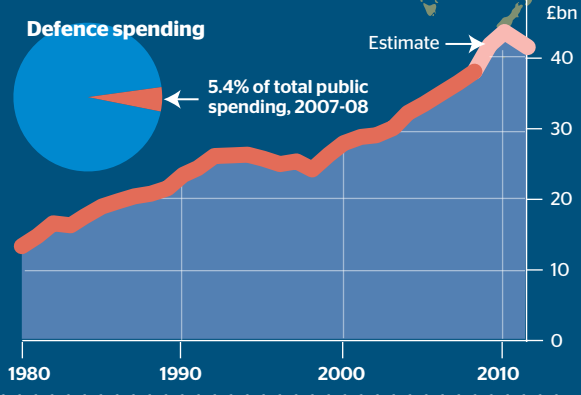
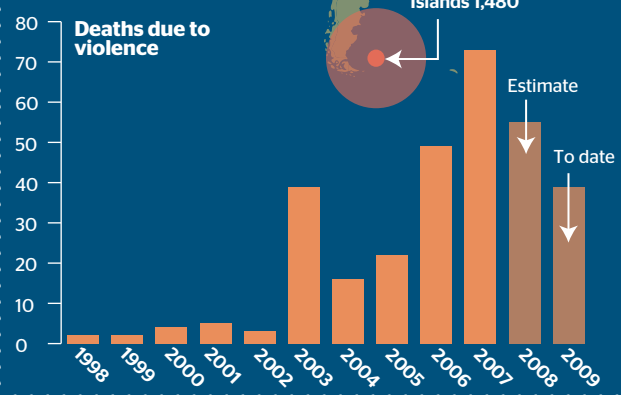
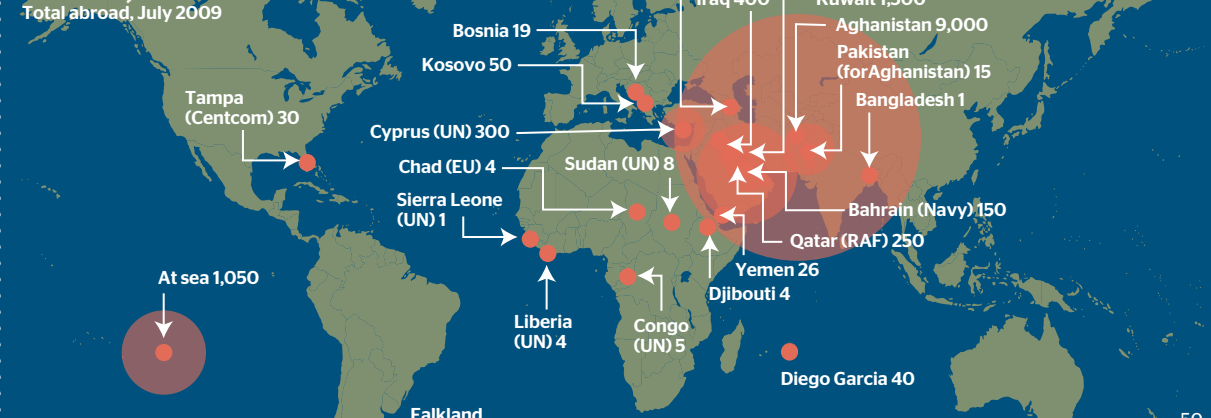
Air Force: 39,250 trained, 4,310 untrained



Troop deployments

14,342

Total abroad, July 2009



The bottom line

£34,000,000,000

Total cost of military

£557.61

Cost per person per year

Key equipment and capabilities Navy

Aircraft carriers

Cost: up to £15 billion for two ships and 150 Joint Strike Fighters
Savings: £1 billion-£3 billion, ordering fewer aircraft
Risk: Navy chiefs say each carrier must have 36 aircraft to run continuous operations, and a squeeze on JSF numbers could undermine this policy



Astute submarine

Cost: £4 billion for four boats
Saving: £2 billion if planned three additional boats are cancelled
Risk: a strain on anti-submarine warfare capability if a Cold War-style conflict breaks out



Trident submarine replacement

Cost: up to £20 billion
Saving: £3.5 billion if three, not four, boats are built, and £1 billion for fewer missiles
Risk: with fewer boats the continuous patrol cycle could be broken for the first time in the submarine deterrent's history

