

# Party pledges: Foreign affairs and defence



## Conservative:

Hold referendum on Britain's membership of EU by 2017, after negotiating return of some powers from Brussels

**Replace Trident nuclear weapons system – government has put replacement cost at between £15bn and £20bn**

£3.3bn of new investment in naval bases – secure 7,500 jobs in Portsmouth, Devonport and Clyde



**Labour:** Push for reform of EU

and prevent Britain from “*sleepwalking*” towards exit

**Maintain a credible sea-based nuclear deterrent**

Commit in law to holding **Strategic Defence and Security Review** every 5 years. Review to include future of Trident

**Recognise Palestine, but only when such a move will enhance peace process**



**SNP:** Oppose nuclear weapons and push for removal of Trident submarines from Scotland. Maintain 0.7% foreign aid commitment



**Plaid Cymru**

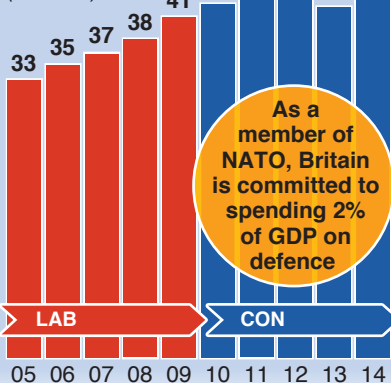
**Plaid Cymru:** Retain 0.7% of budget for foreign aid. Campaign for cancellation of developing countries' debt



**Green Party**

**Greens:** Referendum on Britain's EU membership. Scrap nuclear weapons. Boost overseas aid to 1% of GDP

## Defence spending (£ billion)



As a member of NATO, Britain is committed to spending 2% of GDP on defence

## Liberal Democrats:

Campaign to reduce number of Trident nuclear submarines



**Push for greater European Union efficiency**



**UKIP:** Leave EU – save £8bn a year membership fees

**Impound passports of any person who has gone to fight for a terrorist organisation**

Deport anyone who has committed a terrorist act

**Cut foreign aid budget by £9bn**

Create a **Veterans Department** to look after the interests of ex-service men and women