

The NAOâ€™s not impressed by the Ministry of Defen...

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I just scanned a [National Audit Office news release](#) which says:

Ministry of Defence: The Equipment Plan 2017 to 2027

The Ministry of Defence's (the Department's) ten year Equipment Plan is not affordable and does not provide a realistic forecast of the costs the Department will have to meet over the next 10 years buying and supporting the equipment it has determined the Armed Forces need.

There is a time for subtlety.

The NAO clearly decided this was not one such occasion.

I think this might be called a pretty poor fail. But that is worrying in the context of a government that does not appear to be able to get much else right.