

GMB welcomes labour clearly spelling out support for uk defence jobs



GMB, the union for defence workers, welcomes the Labour Party reaffirming its commitment to Trident, the nuclear deterrent and commitment to protecting defence industry jobs.

Commenting on Labour Shadow Defence Secretary, John Healey MP's speech today [Friday, 26th February] the union has said it welcomes the commitments and clarity.



The Labour Party also reaffirmed its commitment to keeping defence manufacturing orders, such as the upcoming £1.5 billion contract to build new Fleet Solid Support ships, in the UK where possible.

Ross Murdoch, GMB National Officer has said:

"GMB supports our members who do the skilled and valuable work that maintains Trident, the communities that are sustained by Trident and support its renewal.

"We've long campaigned for Government defence spending to support manufacturing in the UK steel industry and the wider supply chain.

"We welcome the Labour Party spelling out clearly its long-standing support for building four new submarines at Barrow and all future upgrades.

"We also welcome calls to ensure the highly skilled manufacturing jobs in the defence industry and wider supply chain are kept and nurtured in the UK, including through the £1.5 billion Fleet Solid Support contract.

"It's common sense that we build on the skills, jobs, apprenticeships and prosperity at home."

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