

**Letter from John Reid to Tony Blair, dated 12 September 2005**

- The results of the most recent review of UK forces in Iraq shows that considerable progress has been made in training the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) since the last roulement in May. Consequently, an overall reduction of about 500 troops will be possible in the next roulement of UK troops (due to take place in October/November). I intend writing to Opposition Defence Spokesmen and the Chairman of the HCDC in lieu of a written parliamentary statement.