

The Government proposes, in the Armed Forces Bill currently before Parliament, to establish a new standalone corporate body to be called the **Defence Housing Service**.

According to the Ministry of Defence, the purpose is

to renew tens of thousands of military homes and address years of underinvestment as government vows to renew the nation's contract with those who serve by delivering better housing, services and boosting protections for those who serve.

According to the Bill as submitted, the primary functions of the Defence Housing Service would be:

- improving the supply and quality of defence housing,
- managing land or other property used (or formerly used) for defence purposes,
- securing the regeneration or development of such land or other property, and
- supporting in other ways—
 - the creation, regeneration or development of service communities, and
 - the continued wellbeing of those communities.