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Wargaming for Senior Policymakers

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Who are SONAC

Secretary of State's Office of Net Assessment and Challenge

- Net Assessment
- Challenge
- Long term strategic issues
- Made up of analysts, academics and policy professionals
- Independent of the MOD hierarchy

SONAC Wargames

- Strategic
- Run with other government departments and allies
- Cross DIME spectrum
- Testing the conclusions of net assessments
- Using wargaming as a tool for challenge
- Analysing long term, strategic issues
- Run with other government departments and allies

Sponsors

- Ministers
- 3-4* leaders
- Self-sponsored
- Co-sponsored

Limitations of Wargames

- Breadth vs depth
- Overconfidence in findings
- Overgeneralisation of findings
- Lack of repeatability
- Best used in conjunction with other forms of analysis
- Sometimes other tools are better suited

Delivery

- Defence Science & Technology Laboratory
- ASTRID Framework
- Matrix teams
- Both a sponsor and an active participant
- Reports & briefings



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Questions & Discussion