Written Question

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To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what definition of national resilience his Department uses in relation to its proposals for the future operating model for HM Coastguard.

Michael Penning (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Roads and Motoring), Transport)

In relation to the proposals for a future operating model for HM Coastguard, national resilience is the interoperability between all Coastguard Centres within a national network. This would enable HM Coastguard to maintain the provision of its mandated operational responsibilities during specific threat periods, intense loading or impairment to one or more centres as a result of staff shortages or infrastructure impairment.

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