

## MP Backs ISIL Vote

After today's motion in parliament I have committed to support military action against ISIL.

My experience of participating in the Afghanistan, Bosnia and Kosovo conflicts has resulted in me setting a pretty high bar before I am prepared to commit our troops to war. A crucial factor today in deciding to support the motion was that unlike 2003, ISIL have through their actions, openly declared war on the United Kingdom and as such I believe it is in our own security interests to act.

I'm pleased that the motion limits our involvement to air strikes in support of the Iraqi and Kurdish army and the fact that the Iraqi Government have requested our support confirms the legality of our actions. Equally I was reassured that the PM recognised that strategically military action alone cannot defeat ISIL which is why diplomatic efforts to promote good governance in the region is crucial to the strategy.