

**Nicholas Soames Intervenes During Statement by the Prime  
Minister on Iraq  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**Mr. Nicholas Soames (Mid-Sussex) (Con):** I agree with the Prime Minister that valuable work remains to be done for British troops in Iraq, but will he clarify his answer to my right hon. Friend the Leader the Opposition about what reserves will be available to the commander of overwatch troops in the later phases of this operation? Secondly, will he compare and contrast his own slippery manoeuvrings of the last weekend with the courage, steadiness and resolution of British troops on the ground in Iraq?

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