

7 July 2008 - Local MSP and MP Welcome Signing of Carrier Contract

Jim Tolson MSP and Willie Rennie MP both tabled Motions in the Scottish Parliament and Westminster respectively on Thursday 3 July welcoming the signing of the main manufacturing contracts for the two super aircraft carriers.

Jim Tolson commented "This is excellent news for Rosyth Dockyard. The Ministry of Defence has signed the orders to build the UK's biggest ever aircraft carriers and the final commissioning of the ships will be undertaken at the dockyard. As a former employee of Babcocks at Rosyth dockyard, I am well aware of the importance of this work, safeguarding jobs and skills in the area".

Willie Rennie said "The Government has finally authorised the manufacture of the two carriers. In my position as Shadow Minister for Defence, I have been continually questioning the delays in signing of the contracts but at long last the decision has been made."