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By **Mark Nicol**
Defence Editor

BRITAIN has no credible plan to fund the Armed Forces the country wants, a damning report concludes today.

The military is facing a record shortfall between what is expected of it and what the Ministry of Defence can afford, leav-

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ing the country reliant on allies at a time of escalating global threats.

A funding 'black hole' of up to £29 billion was identified by the influential public accounts committee (PAC) – the day after the Chancellor failed to find any money in his Budget for defence. The staggering deficit between the MoD budget and the cost of the UK's desired
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