

### **Lib-Dem PPC Stephen Williams pledges to abolish arms export subsidies**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of April, Mr. Williams declared that if elected, his party would abolish the arms exports subsidies estimated to cost British taxpayers between £450 and £930m every year.

This pledge came in response to questions from BCAAT campaigners at the well attended hustings in Bristol University's Students' Union building. Conservative PPC David Martins predictably declined to answer questions concerning the arms trade whilst sitting MP, Labour's Val Davey, expressed concern at the figures without offering any form of action. The Green and Socialist Labour candidates both confirmed their parties' anti-militarist sentiments, condemning not only the subsidies but the entire industry.

If Mr. Williams wins Bristol West, we'll look forward to holding him to his word!