



Apollo Moon Landing: 50th Anniversary QSD on 15 July 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Mawson to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to mark the 50th anniversary of the first Apollo moon landing on 20 July 1969.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- NASA, '[Apollo 11 Mission Overview](#)', accessed 9 July 2019

Details of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

- Space.com, '[Apollo 11 at 50: A Complete Guide to the Historic Moon Landing Mission](#)', June 2019

Summary of the events prior to and during the Apollo 11 moon landing.

- Charles Fishman, '[What You Didn't Know About the Apollo 11 Mission](#)', *Smithsonian Magazine*, June 2019

Further information on the Apollo 11 moon landing and the political context of the mission.

- Richard Monastersky, '[Shooting for the Moon](#)', *Nature*, 16 July 2009, vol 460, pp 314–15

Details of a survey into the effect of the Apollo 11 moon landing on the aspirations of children to become scientists. This was published to mark the 40th anniversary of the moon landing.

- UK Space Agency and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, '[Leading the New Space Age: Government Backs Ambitious Plans for the UK in Space](#)', 4 June 2019

Summary of the Government and the UK Space Agency's current policy objectives for the space industry.

- UK Space Agency and Arts and Humanities Research Council UK, '[Crowd-sourced History Campaign Marks 50 Years Since the First Moon Landings](#)', 17 May 2019

Information on a joint campaign to collect material recording people's experience of watching the moon landings.

- Space Growth Partnership, [Prosperity from Space: A Partnership Strategy for the UK](#), May 2018

Summary of the UK space industry's strategy for growth in the sector.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Oral Question on 'UK Space Industry'](#), HC Hansard, 19 March 2019, cols 918–20
- House of Commons, ['Written Question: Space: EU Action'](#), 5 March 2019, 225497
- House of Commons, ['Written Question: Spaceflight: Licensing'](#), 28 March 2019, 236536
- House of Commons, ['Written Question: Space Technology: Investment'](#), 15 May 2019, 251334

Press Articles and Comment

- Paul Gallagher, ['Neil Armstrong's Last Interview: Rare Glimpse of Man and Moon Mission'](#), *Guardian*, 25 August 2012
- Davide Castelvecchi, ['China Explores the Moon's Dark Side'](#), *Nature*, 10 January 2019, vol 565, pp 146–7
- Elizabeth Gibney, ['First Private Moon Lander Sparks New Lunar Space Race'](#), *Nature*, 28 February 2019, vol 566, pp 434–6
- Ian Whittaker and Gareth Dorrian, ['US Wants a Crewed Mission To The Moon in Five Years—But Can and Should That Be Done?'](#) The Conversation Blog, 8 April 2019
- Leah Crane, ['A New Golden Space Age'](#), *New Scientist* (£), 15 May 2019, vol 242 no 3230, pp 35–9
- Simon Worrall, ['Buzz Aldrin Hates Being Called the Second Man on the Moon'](#), *National Geographic*, 1 July 2019

Further Information

- American Archive of Public Broadcasting, ['To the Moon Interviews'](#), accessed 8 July 2019
- UK Parliament website, ['Space Industry Act 2018'](#), accessed 9 July 2019

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