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1. Who are the present members of the Defence Council, Department of National Defence, and what are their official positions?
2. What are the responsibilities and powers of the Defence Council with respect to, (a) co-ordination of all branches; (b) recommendations to the Minister and the Governor-in-Council on questions of policy and administration; (c) direct communication with the British War Office or Admiralty; (d) direct communication with military or naval departments in other countries?
3. How many meetings of the Defence Council were held in, (a) 1937; (b) 1938?
4. Are the minutes of the Defence Council on each occasion communicated to the defence committee of the Cabinet?
5. To what extent are important contracts and decisions as to sources of supply for arms, munitions, military and naval equipment reviewed by the Defence Council?

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