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Dear Tobias,

Thank you for your letter of 24 May 2022, regarding whether the Ministry of Defence would consider sending body armour and equipment to Ukraine designed specifically for women, as part of the UK's support to Ukraine. I am replying on behalf of the Defence Secretary.

You asked whether, as part of the UK's support package to Ukraine, we would consider sending body armour and equipment specifically designed for women.

We have an increasingly mature process for receiving requirements from the AFU and to-date they have not requested any equipment specifically designed for women, and nor have we provided it. However, we do know that women are performing a variety of important and dangerous roles with the AFU. As such, I will ask the team to specifically offer the provision of this type of equipment as we go forward.

Thank you for highlighting the issue.

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