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Dear Secretary of State,

Critical Minerals Strategy

Last week, the BEIS Sub-Committee on National Security and Investment took evidence on the BEIS Department's 2022 Critical Minerals Strategy. During the session witnesses stressed the importance of international collaboration on securing critical minerals supply chains.

I would be very grateful if you could tell me what work your Department is doing to promote international collaboration on critical minerals supplies in support of the BEIS-led strategy, and, in particular, how you are engaging with any UK allies who are also mapping their supply chains and preparing critical minerals strategies.

Witnesses specifically identified Canada and Australia as countries the UK was working with on the environmental and social considerations of critical minerals supply chains, such as sustainable sourcing. What has the Department for International Trade done to improve collaboration with these countries? Are there any other countries that are a priority for this work?

I am copying this letter to the Chairs of the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Committees. I would also plan to publish it and your reply on our Committee's website. I would be grateful for a reply **by 31 January**.

Yours sincerely,

DARREN JONES MP

Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

Copied to:

- Angus Brendan MacNeil MP, Chair of the International Trade Committee
- Alicia Kearns MP, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee