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Dear Robert,

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 September 2023.

I am pleased that the Committee is interested in listening to and understanding the lived experience of our hard-working Service Personnel. I am aware that it is vitally important to the work of the committee to have as much information as possible, and that it gets to benefit from the views and experience of the people who live in military accommodation. Considering this, I am happy to allow them all dispensation to give written evidence to the Committee on the understanding that:

- It is in a personal capacity;
- In line with long-standing principles as Crown Servants, submissions from those employed by the Ministry of Defence should only comment on personal experiences and not matters of policy;
- Those submitting evidence should also be careful not to reveal private information about other people.

Myself and my Department are looking forward to working with the Committee in a spirit of openness and transparency to improve the lives of our Service Personnel.

All best wishes

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