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Dear Chair,

NSI Oral Evidence Session on 12 December

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present evidence to you and members of the Business and Trade Committee regarding the National Security and Investment (NSI) Act and the role of the Investment Security Unit (ISU) on 12 December.

As I set out when I appeared before you, I greatly value your role in scrutinising the operation of the NSI Act and the ISU and am committed to ensuring your committee receives the information it needs to fulfil this function. I was therefore glad to finally appear before you and talk about the work of the Unit.

I was glad to make a number of commitments in the evidence session. As we discussed, I will attend a private classified briefing with you and the Committee on 24 January to discuss the contents of the Confidential Annex to the NSI Annual Report 22/23. I committed to provide more detail at this briefing on how the ISU monitors and assesses acquisitions under the NSI Act, and the risk factors considered.

The Committee also asked for a summary of the outcomes of the Call for Evidence. I will be happy to update you during the private classified briefing with you and the Committee on 24 January.

To conclude, TikTok was raised by a number of members of the Business and Trade Committee during my appearance. I noted my views on some of the information provided by TikTok in a previous Business and Trade Committee inquiry, which has been described as 'misleading'. You will recall my disappointment about the level of action that followed. I know how seriously this is viewed by the Committee, so I am looking forward to hearing an update on what is being done to examine this.

I look forward to meeting with you later in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



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