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Dame Meg Hillier MP
Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
Sent electronically

Dear Chair,

EQUIPMENT PLAN 2023-2033: UPDATE ON AFFORDABILITY

I wrote to you on the 4 December with an update on the Department's Equipment Plan. It has since come to light that one of the charts in figure 2 of that letter did not display the correct data. Please find attached an updated version of my original letter with a corrected figure 2.

The error meant that the upper bound for equipment costs between 24/25 and 32/33 was incorrect. The error is limited to the chart and does not affect the underlying data in the supplementary data tables, the commentary or the data used by the National Audit Office for their report. The underlying data for the charts in the letter will also be published in the supplementary data tables on GOV.UK and there is a new annex A in the letter with large format versions of the existing charts for greater clarity.

The letter has been re-reviewed and no other issues have been found. It will be updated on GOV.UK and in the library of the House of Commons. Please accept my apologies for the mistake.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Defence Select Committee and Comptroller and Auditor General.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID WILLIAMS