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Alan Mak MP
Minister of State,
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Business and Trade Committee oral evidence session on UK arms sales to Israel

Dear Mr Mak,

I am concerned to have received no notice of your intention to appear before my Committee on Wednesday 24th April. Despite two weeks' notice of this session, the absence of a response risks being interpreted as a lack of respect for the essential role of Parliament in scrutinising your management of arms exports licences. Given the international and national attention focused on the topic, I am sure you will agree, this is not the time to run a risk like this. I therefore expect a response to this letter no later than midday on Friday 19th April.

Your sincerely,

Rt Hon Liam Byrne MP

Chair of the Business and Trade Committee