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Secretary of State
Department for Business and Trade

[By e-mail]

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Dear Secretary of State

Thank you for arranging attendance by a Department of Business and Trade Minister at the Business and Trade Committee oral evidence session on UK arms exports to Israel on Tuesday 21 May. The Committee and I appreciate your facilitation of the Committee's scrutiny work. I note that the Deputy Foreign Secretary will also attend that oral evidence session on behalf of the FCDO.

The Secretary of State for Business and Trade is ultimately responsible for the statutory and regulatory framework of arms export controls, the decision to grant or refuse an export licence in any individual case and, where necessary, the decision to suspend or revoke extant licences in accordance with the relevant legislation and announced policy. Bearing in mind those political and legal responsibilities, I thought it only right to invite you to provide evidence at the oral evidence session on 21 May.

For clarity, the Committee is content to take oral evidence from Minister Mak, but, bearing in mind your specific responsibilities, I would be grateful if you would attend in person.

Yours sincerely

Chair of the Business and Trade Committee

