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Dear Lord Mair,

I am pleased to confirm that we are today publishing DSIT's R&D allocations for 2025/26.

As you will be aware, the government is investing a record level of R&D funding in the financial year 2025/26, allocating £20.4 billion in total across government departments. DSIT's R&D budget is rising to £13.9 billion in 2025/26, a real terms increase of 8.5% compared to 2024/25. This investment supports our research base and underpins the innovations and technological advancements that will boost UK productivity, create high-paid jobs and help deliver our Plan for Change. Today's publication sets out how we will allocate this budget across our Partner Organisations and programmes.

The UKRI allocation in 2025/26 will be £8.8 billion, allowing their continued investment in the people, infrastructure, ideas, and innovation that the UK excels at, protecting our world leading research base, and ensuring investment can be targeted towards this government's priorities. This allocation ensures that the balance of dual support will remain at 64p, in line with recent years. Additionally, UKRI is expected to receive funding for the Faraday Battery Challenge and the Zero Emission HGV and Infrastructure Demonstration programmes from the Department for Business and Trade and the Department for Transport respectively, where funding was previously provided by DSIT. Further details, including UKRI's plans for council-level allocations, are available in the publication.

In addition, we are making a £2.7 billion provision for the UK's contribution to EU R&D programmes, including fully funding the UK's association with Horizon Europe, which will give UK scientists and innovators access to the largest collaborative funding scheme in the world - worth over £80 billion.

The publication will also set out allocations for other partner organisations, including £184 million for the Advanced Research and Invention Agency to continue to grow and invest in high-risk, high-reward research, and £66 million continued investment in the AI Security Institute to achieve its mission to equip governments with a scientific understanding of the risks posed by advanced AI.

If you or your committee members have any further questions about our allocations for 2025/26, my officials would be happy to respond.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Kyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a stylized "K".

Rt Hon Peter Kyle
Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology