



From the Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Michael Shanks MP

Minister of State for Energy

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

[Delivered by Email]

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Dear Mr Shanks,

Forced Labour in UK Supply Chains: Further Questions

Thank you for letter earlier this month, and for confirming that “GBE will respond to, and take action on, any identified issues or concerns that arise relating to forced labour, including any raised by the Joint Committee on Human Rights.”

As we conclude our inquiry, it would be very helpful if you could assist the Committee further by letting us have the answer to these follow-up questions prompted by your letter:

- How will accountability be sought if Contracting Authorities do not publish a procurement or tender notice as required by the Procurement Act 2023?
- How is data on excluded supplier decisions provided by Contracting Authorities to the Procurement Review Office used? For example, does this inform investigations, and are trends analysed?

Please send us your reply by 26 June at the very latest, to allow us to produce our report on schedule. I do appreciate this is a demanding timetable. Thank you again for your continued engagement with the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Chair, Joint Committee on Human Rights