



From the Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights

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Dear Ms Jones,

Forced Labour in UK Supply Chains: Further Questions

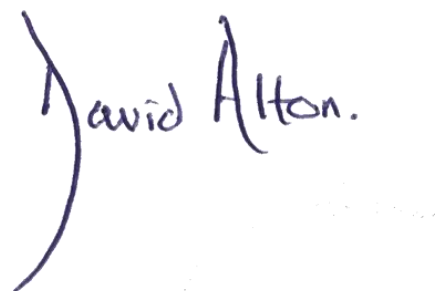
Thank you for helpful and detailed letter of late May. While this has answered many of my questions, I would like to request a little further information on some of the points made as we conclude our inquiry.

- What response did the Secretary of State for Energy receive when he addressed the UK's concerns about forced labour in supply chains to Administrator Wang and China's Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang? Did either the Administrator or the Vice Premier provide any assurances?
- How are subjects for investigations by the Debarment Review Service identified? How many investigations have been launched so far?
- For what reason would UK Global Human Rights Sanctions not be considered relevant in a debarment case (and vice versa), given that either restriction could relate to findings of extraterritorial forced labour practices?

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.

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Chair, Joint Committee on Human Rights



David Alton.