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Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP
Secretary of State for Business and Trade

Rt John Healey MP
Secretary of State for Defence
[by e-mail]

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Dear Jonathan and John,

IDF suppliers' participation at DSEI 2025

I write to query the potential participation of companies actively equipping the Israeli Defence Force operations in Gaza in the forthcoming Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) event in London on 9-12 September.

I know that Clarion Defence and Security Limited are the principal organisers of DSEI—but the event receives major support from the UK Government, its agencies, and UK Armed Forces with high profile appearances from ministers and senior government officials and military leaders. Such participation would clearly be at odds with minister's stated position about the Netanyahu Administration's conduct in the Palestinian Occupied Territories.

I would therefore be grateful if you would provide the following information.

- Has the UK Government or Clarion issued invitations to Israeli Government ministers, officials and military commanders to attend DSEI? If such invitations have been extended, please provide a list of the individuals and institutions invited.
- Will the Israeli Ministry of Defence, Israel Defence Force or any other part of the Israeli Government or military be exhibiting at the event?
- Will there be an Israel Pavilion at the event?

- A list of Israeli defence and security companies that will be exhibiting or are expected to attend.
- What guidance has been issued to participants on items that are permitted to be exhibited?
- Will exhibitors be permitted to display items that could potentially be purchased for use in Gaza or the West Bank?
- Will Israeli exhibitors be permitted to show offensive weapons?
 - If not, have Israeli exhibitors been informed of these restrictions and how will they be enforced and by who?

I have copied this letter to Tan Dhesi, Chair of the Defence Committee, for information.

We would be very grateful for a response by 27 August.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Byrne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chair of the Business and Trade Committee