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Dear Minister,

I am writing to request that the Statutory Guidance relating to the duties imposed by new sections 343AA to 343AD of the Armed Forces Act 2006, under Clause 8 of the Bill on the Armed Forces Covenant, be shared with the Armed Forces Bill Select Committee at the earliest opportunity and published thereafter. This was requested by members during the first meeting yesterday.

You will hopefully agree that it is imperative when scrutinising the Bill in evidence sessions, that both the Committee itself and those giving evidence have access to the full information about how the duty for due regard to the Covenant will be delivered.

As you know, the Committee has agreed a programme of evidence sessions to consider the Bill in detail. As work begins this week, your prompt assistance in this matter would be most welcome.

James Sunderland MP

Chair of the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill