



**Foreign Affairs
Committee**

Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP
Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
(by email)

Dear Yvette

24 April 2026

I am writing to formally request that Ian Collard appear before the Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday next week (28 April). My Committee Clerks have been in touch with officials in the usual manner to try to secure Mr Collard's attendance, but as we are time-constrained by prorogation which is expected next week, I thought I should formally write to you.

I would be grateful if you could respond by 5pm today with an update so that the appropriate arrangements can be made, both for the Committee to prepare and for support to be put into place for Mr Collard. His evidence would fill gaps in our investigation, and as he and Sir Olly Robbins were potentially the only people in the meeting to discuss Lord Mandelson's security vetting, we must insist on seeing him personally in this instance.

Thanks in advance for your help in moving this forward,

Dame Emily Thornberry MP
Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee