

15 September 2026

Dear Liam,

Thank you for your and the Business and Trade Committee's work on AI, which you kindly set out in your letter of 7 September. I would like to apologise for the lack of response during the period in which AISI was subject to machinery of government changes. We would be very glad to host you at AISI as soon as possible after the Conference Recess, and would like to offer 12, 13 or 15 October.

I set out answers to questions in your subsequent letter of 9 September on Anthropic Model Testing which should be read alongside Minister Kanishka Narayan's [Written Ministerial Statement made on 7 September](#). I hope that, together, these give a comprehensive overview of the Government's position on a fast-moving topic

Addressing your questions about Anthropic's latest model

Anthropic made clear at the time of the release of Mythos 5.1 that no organisations outside of the US had access to the model. AISI is in daily conversation with industry partners, including Anthropic, and maintains long-standing arrangements to test models from major AI developers.

No country can tackle the risks presented by frontier AI alone, and they do not stop at national borders. AISI frequently and closely collaborates with US counterparts, such as the Center for AI Standards and Innovation (CAISI), to improve the security of new AI models.

Regarding AISI's pre-release testing and ability to fulfil its remit

We maintain strong relationships with all frontier AI developers and continue to have pre-release access to some of the world's most capable models. Only this month, we tested OpenAI's most powerful model, GPT-6 Astra, before it was released to the public. The trusted relationships AISI holds enable us to test a range of models that represent industry-wide capability jumps.

Pre-release testing is a core part of AISI's work to inform government, but our remit goes beyond that. We have teams of talented AI researchers working on research projects based on both pre-release and post-release testing that are fundamental to the UK's understanding of AI risk, across chemical-biological, human influence, and loss of control.

This research agenda helps the UK and our partners make real-world improvements to AI security such as by progressing the science of evaluations and AI monitorability.

AISI's international relationships and the UK's role in frontier AI safety and security

AISI is the largest and best resourced AI security institute in the world. We continue to lead the world on AI security research.

The UK works with bilateral and multilateral partners to advance secure, trustworthy, and responsible AI across countries, built on a shared understanding of capabilities and risks. As the current Coordinator of the International Network for Advanced AI Measurement, Evaluation and Science, the UK is leading efforts with international partners to advance AI safety science and develop shared best practices for evaluating AI risks.

Finally, thank you for your letter of 15 September. We will respond shortly.

I look forward to hosting you at AISI's offices and discussing further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry de Zoete', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Henry de Zoete

Director of the AI Security Institute