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The Rt Hon the Baroness Anelay of St Johns
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Dear Baroness Anelay,

I was pleased to appear before the International Relations and Defence Committee on Tuesday 27 April. During the session I agreed to write in answer to Baroness Sugg's question on the percentage of Official Development Assistance (ODA) which will be spent in fragile and conflict affected States.

This financial year the FCDO has responsibility for delivering £8,115m of Official Development Assistance (ODA), approximately 80% of total UK ODA. Supporting the development of fragile states will remain a priority.

The measures the government announced in November 2020 will make ODA more strategic. As you will be aware the Integrated Review replaces the 2016 SDSR in terms of overall foreign policy, security and development commitments. Published on 16 March, the IR advocates an integrated, whole-of-government approach to tackling the challenges faced by fragile states, placing greater emphasis on addressing the drivers of conflict (such as grievances, political marginalisation and criminal economies), atrocity prevention and strengthening fragile countries' resilience to external interference.

The UK's ODA will now be allocated against the seven global challenges where the UK can make the most difference, with a view to strategic coherence, impact and value for money. These are laid out in the Written Ministerial Statement on ODA which was published on 21 April: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2021-04-21/hcws935>.

The seven global challenges mark a strategic shift, putting our aid budget to work alongside our diplomatic network, our science and technology expertise and our economic partnerships in tackling global challenges.

Full country allocations will be set out in the Annual Report and Accounts later this year. (The most up to date published data on DFID ODA spend in fragile and conflict affected

states is available on the government page for DFID results:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-results-estimates-2015-to-2020>)).

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