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I am writing further to my letter of 21 May regarding the procurement of Armoured Fighting Vehicles and following reports that further payments of £577 million have been made to General Dynamics for the Ajax armoured fighting vehicle.

I am sure you will agree that the reported problems with the programme, which include delays and technical issues, are issues of great concern. Therefore, in addition to the questions posed in my previous letter, we would be grateful for further information on:

- The cost of the Ajax programme to date and the expected total cost;
- The numbers of Ajax vehicles so far delivered and the expected dates for further deliveries; and
- The timelines for operational use of the Ajax vehicle by units within the British Army.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, Meg Hillier MP.

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Chair of the Defence Committee