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I would be grateful if the attached letter could be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr Gerald

I write following Defence Orals on 5 March 2018 in which you raised a question regarding the funding of facilities using LIBOR funds.

In 2012, HM Treasury announced that the proceeds from LIBOR fines would be used to support Armed Forces and Emergency Services charities and other related good causes that represent those who demonstrate the very best of values. Armed Forces-related LIBOR grants, including bespoke funding pots such as the Armed Forces Covenant Fund and Aged Veterans Fund, are committed by HM Treasury and administered by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

LIBOR funding is not to be used to fund departmental core responsibilities. The application form clearly states that funding cannot be used for topping up existing grants and aids from another Government Department or projects, activities or services that the State has a legal obligation to provide. To that end, the use of LIBOR fines to support additional facilities and projects over the core activities, support, and infrastructure provided by the MOD is entirely consistent with the fund's scope. Funding for centres and facilities is consistent with LIBOR's aim to support good causes and to make a real difference to the Armed Forces community.

Applicants for the most recent round of LIBOR funding could only be made for projects that supported people from one or more of the following groups:

- Serving members of the Armed Forces;
- Family members of those serving in the Armed Forces;
- Veterans of the Armed Forces;
- Serving Emergency Services personnel;
- Family members of Emergency Services personnel; and
- Former and retired Emergency Services personnel.

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Only certain types of organisations could apply, including registered charities, Community Interest Companies and Armed Forces units. Applicants had to show what difference their project would make to Armed Forces and Emergency Services communities and that they were complementing and not replicating an existing provision.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Ellwood', written in a cursive style.

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