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Dear Patrick,

During questions on Thursday 14 June, you asked when a member of Her Majesty's Government last went to Libya to discuss the issues confronting migrants on the ground. I am sorry that I was unable to respond to you at the time and I promised to write to you.

As I alluded to, the UK is one of the most active diplomatic missions in Libya. We now have a permanent diplomatic presence, and make regular contact with a wide range of stakeholders at the highest levels. In conversations with members of the Libyan Government of National Accord, Her Majesty's Ambassador and his team regularly raise concerns about human rights abuses across the country, and the need to ensure that those responsible are held to account. The Foreign Secretary made these points during his visits to Libya in May and August 2017, as did Minister Burt in April 2018.

I hope you find this letter helpful. I will also place a copy in the House library.

Yours sincerely,
Annabel

BARONESS GOLDIE

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