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I am writing to you following the Urgent Question on 21 June 2018 on the Defence Fire and Rescue Project. You asked about fire risk management services in the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus (Official Report: Column 472).

The Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus are covered by the contract and the UK firefighter personnel based there will transfer to Capita under the planned contractual arrangement. I am satisfied that the Sovereign Base Areas will continue to receive the necessary level of fire and rescue cover under the arrangements proposed in the contract whilst benefiting from investment and improvements to fire-fighter safety we expect the contract to deliver.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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