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Dear Emma,

In Oral Questions on 26 November 2018, I undertook to write to you regarding securing jobs at BAE Systems' Brough site in East Yorkshire.

I share your concern about the future of this historic manufacturing site, and recognise that BAE Systems (BAES) operates in an increasingly competitive and demanding international market. My hon. Friend the Member for Pudsey (Stuart Andrew) recently met trade union representatives from the site and, during this meeting, confirmed he would be happy to visit the Brough site. I also have regular engagement with the company and, in all our meetings, our message is clear: the Government is willing to actively support prospects for further export sales of Hawk and Typhoon aircraft. We fully recognise that export growth is important for sustaining jobs at Brough and elsewhere, and that is why this Government is committed to supporting responsible defence exports.

In terms of practical help, the Ministry of Defence and the Department for International Trade are actively supporting BAE Systems in a number of export campaigns for the Hawk; as we seek to broaden and deepen the family of user nations among our allies and partners. We will continue to work closely with BAES in pursuit of continued export success for both Typhoon and Hawk, looking to build on previous international success that has proudly been delivered by BAES in the north of England.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

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Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle) (Lab)

T8: In a previous Defence questions, I spoke about the need for BAE's Brough site to diversify its manufacturing in order to save jobs, and the Secretary of State told me that he had a meeting with BAE. Will he please update me on that meeting, and agree to meet me and workers from BAE's Brough site to talk about how they can secure jobs for the future? [907832

Gavin Williamson

The Under-Secretary of State for Defence, my hon. Friend the Member for Pudsey (Stuart Andrew), has met workers there. We had a very productive meeting with BAE Systems and the Qataris regarding the roll-out of the Hawk orders. I will write to the hon. Lady to update her.