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Dear Peter,

I undertook to write to you in my response of 5 September 2019 to the parliamentary questions 284206, 284208, 284211, 284216, 284218, 284377, 284379, 284381, 284384 and 284388 regarding a further breakdown of lines in the Main Supply Estimates published in May 2019.

The Ministry of Defence is committed to appropriate transparency of its finances, and we make regular reports to Parliament on our expenditure as well as being subject to regular National Audit Office studies on various aspects of our expenditure. In particular, we produce an account of the Department's actual expenditure every year in the Annual Report and Accounts, and we also publish annually a detailed report on the Equipment Plan, focusing on departmental spending on the procurement and support of military equipment. These reports set out actual expenditure at the end of the relevant financial year. We published the 2018-19 Annual Report before the summer recess and the equipment plan report is due to be published later this year.

The figures concerned are estimates and are subject to variations in expenditure that take place throughout the year as the Department undertakes its business. The definitive record of our expenditure is set out in these reports. The Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2020 will be published in summer 2020 and the Equipment Plan 2019 is due to be published later this year. Links to the latest versions of both publications are below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2018-to-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-defence-equipment-plan-2018>

A copy of this letter has been placed in the Library of the House.

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