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Dear Stewart,

Thank you for your question at Defence Oral Questions and your support of the Armed Forces. Thank you, as well, for your letter following Defence Oral questions, dated 12th May, on the use of Citriodiol by Armed Forces personnel.

We have released information on the recommendation for Service personnel in COVID-19 supporting roles to use Citriodiol on a precautionary basis, as an additional layer of protection against exposure to COVID-19. I refer the hon. Member to the letter I have deposited in the Library of the House in response to Parliamentary Question 40987, which can be found at this link: http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2020-0261/Use_of_Citriodiol_as_a_treatment_for_COVID_19.docx

With regards to the number of personnel to whom it has been issued, I refer the hon. Member to the answer I gave to Parliamentary Question 40988 on 4th May, which can be found here: <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-04-28/40988/>

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratories were tasked by the Surgeon General to undertake a further study on the specific use of Citriodiol against COVID-19. The Secretary of State for Defence has written separately to The Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood, MP, Chair of the House of Commons' Defence Committee, to offer to provide an update on the findings of the study, following his previous correspondence on this subject in late April 2020. I extend the same offer to yourself. You may be aware that this offer has also been made to John Healey and Jamie Stone who have also shown interest in this matter.

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

I hope this response provides you with the information you sought.

Yours sincerely,

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