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Dear Hansard,

I would like to make a correction to an answer I gave during Cabinet Office Oral Questions on 23 September 2021, which was recorded in Hansard Volume 701.

In answering a question about the Office for Veterans' Affairs (Volume 701 Column 398), I said that *"I agree entirely, and we must put on record our thanks to all those involved in the two decades of operational activity in Afghanistan. I thank my hon. Friend for the support she is giving to veterans in her constituency. We are putting an additional £5 million into armed forces charities, bringing that support to more than £25 million this year, and an additional £2.7 million into Operation Courage, bringing that total support to £20 million this year. But this is about more than just money; it is about ensuring that veterans themselves are at the heart of that care, and in Op Courage, as peer support workers, they certainly are."*

I should have instead said that *"I agree entirely, and we must put on record our thanks to all those involved in the two decades of operational activity in Afghanistan. I thank my hon. Friend for the support she is giving to veterans in her constituency. We are putting an additional £5 million into armed forces charities, bringing that support to more than £25 million this year, and an additional £2.7 million for Operation Courage over the next three years. But this is about more than just money; it is about ensuring that veterans themselves are at the heart of that care, and in Op Courage, as peer support workers, they certainly are."*

I am copying this letter to Claire Coutinho MP. A copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

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