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Dear Julie,

During Grand Committee on 17 January 2022 regarding the AUKUS Information Sharing Agreement, you asked about restricted access to the information itself on a sole-nationality basis.

The UK has binding obligations and complementary policy guidance in place to ensure it meets the requirements for controlling access to naval nuclear propulsion information. The default position is that only sole United Kingdom nationals will have such access; dual United Kingdom nationals may be considered by exception and only then after further scrutiny on their suitability to access such information. The US has a similar system and we are both assisting Australia in forming their own national policy as part of the nuclear-powered submarine programme. It would be for the respective country to comment further on their nationality requirements.

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

*Yours sincerely,
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