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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

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Dear Lord Alton

During the Procurement Bill Committee debate on Monday, 18 July, you asked for further information on the Ajax programme.

As I informed peers in the House during our debate, the challenges faced by the Ajax programme have been acknowledged and steps are being taken to bring the programme back on track.

I and my colleague, the Minister for Defence Procurement regularly update both Houses when new information on the programme is available. The latest update was given on 19 May this year through a Written Ministerial Statement (<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2022-05-19/hcws42>). There is no new information I can provide at this time beyond what is contained in that Statement.

We continue to work with General Dynamics to resolve a number of well publicised issues. However, we are clear that we will not accept a platform that is not fit for purpose.

I trust that this addresses your question and I thank you again for your contribution to the development of the Procurement Bill.

I will also place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

*Yours sincerely,
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