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Dear Alan,

During the Lord Soames debate on the role of the Armed Forces and the UK's Defence Policy on 7th September 2023, you asked for a layman's term explanation of a specific phrase related to systems outlined in the Maritime Force Operating Concept, which I am happy to provide below:

The Maritime Force Operating Concept set out the Royal Navy's need to bring all assets to bear within the maritime domain to achieve its aims, moving away from a single platform by platform-based approach. This means that systems, from ships to uncrewed vehicles and air capabilities, will work together to achieve joint objectives.

I hope this explains the position.

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

*Yours sincerely,
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