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Dear John,

I promised to write to you following your Parliamentary Question (195711) of 1 September 2023.

The In-Service Date (ISD) for CROWSNEST was 18 March 2021. The original ISD date was July 2019.

This delay was caused by a shortfall in industrial performance owing to unforeseen technical complexity. This resulted in replanning and a revised schedule to achieve the In-Service Date before the first Carrier Strike Group deployment in 2021. The capability has continued to develop and achieved the IOC milestone July 2023.

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

Yours sincerely,

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