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Dear David,

Thank you for speaking during the House of Lords Oral Parliamentary Questions on Higher Education Investment and Opportunity in Nuclear Fusion Technology on Thursday 7 December. I am writing to you on the matter of your question about sharing nuclear technology with the United Arab Emirates (UAE). You asked if the UK was planning to train personnel to mediate the recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the UAE. I have spoken with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero where the policy responsibility lies.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation signed an MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Civil Nuclear Energy on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Net Zero Nuclear Summit on the sidelines of COP28. The MoU will explore potential opportunities to share best practices in a range of areas, including large-scale reactor technologies, UK-based advanced nuclear technologies (including small- and medium-sized reactors), and security of nuclear fuel supply. It underlines the leadership the UK and the UAE are showing, in backing nuclear power energy technology as a crucial part of the solution for reaching Net Zero and in bolstering international energy security.

Thank you again for raising this matter with me. I hope these further details have been useful and I will place a copy in the House libraries.

Yours sincerely,

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