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Dear Sir David,

I am writing further to my response to your question in the House on Thursday 18 January 2024 at Cabinet Office Orals.

In my response to your question I referred specifically to correspondence received by the Cabinet Office from Fujitsu earlier that morning voluntarily undertaking not to bid for Government contracts while the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry is ongoing. I am writing now to update you and the House in light of further discussions between Fujitsu and my officials that were necessary to clarify our understanding of their position, in particular how their withdrawal will work in practice.

Fujitsu has followed up these discussions with a written letter to the Cabinet Office, which documents its clarified approach to public sector procurements going forwards and I enclose their letter below, together with their original email from the 18th of January. I have requested that both are deposited in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament. The Cabinet Office has already issued guidance for departments on this topic, which will be re-issued as necessary.

The Cabinet Office proactively monitors risks relating to strategic suppliers, including as to performance. As with all strategic suppliers, we continue to keep Fujitsu's conduct and performance under review. Once the Inquiry has established the facts, we will consider all options to hold those responsible for this scandal to account - both legally and financially.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Burghart MP
Parliamentary Secretary