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Dear John,

I promised to write to you further to your Parliamentary Question 9411 on 18 January 2024.

I can confirm that while no External Consultants have been employed on the MORPHEUS project, the project has benefitted from the use of External Assistance.

As of 31 December 2023, c.£174 million has been spent on External Assistance since April 2015. We are unable to access financial records before April 2015 without incurring disproportionate costs.

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

Yours sincerely,

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