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Dear Gisela,

During the AUKUS debate on Thursday 29th February, you raised the issue of targeted visas to support workforce requirements.

AUKUS will deepen UK cooperation with trilateral partners on a range of security and defence capabilities. To support this effort, Ministry of Defence officials have worked closely with colleagues in the Home Office to understand the visa requirements for delivering the personnel movements needed to deliver AUKUS.

As a result of this wider engagement, we are satisfied that the UK's current visa regime offers sufficient flexibility to enable these movements and so the Government is not looking to implement a specific AUKUS visa.

I will place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely


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