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Dear Baroness Goldie,
Annabel,

Thank you for your handwritten note earlier this week following the repeat of a Commons Urgent Question on Defence Spending on Thursday 14th November. I appreciate the interest in the trajectory to hitting 2.5% of spending as part of the Defence budget, and I note your upcoming Oral Question on this topic on 17th December.

As I suggested in an earlier answer on Thursday 14th November, the sequencing of all of this is extremely important, with the Strategic Defence Review and the work of the Treasury being central pillars. We will make an announcement about the pathway to 2.5% at a future fiscal event in the spring.

I welcome the continued support from across the House on Defence matters.

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

Yours ever,

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