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Dear Liam,

I look forward to joining you and members of the Business and Trade Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee, Defence Committee and International Development Committee in session this afternoon.

I recognise this Committee's deep interest in export licensing data, particularly relating to Israel and the conflict in Gaza. I know that when my predecessors appeared before you in May, the Committee was unhappy not to have up to date data for Israel to discuss with Ministers.

For that reason, I want to give the Committee the chance for a more detailed discussion of the figures than was possible with my predecessor. I have therefore published an ad hoc data release, which I am making available to the committee and depositing in the House of Commons Library and the House of Lords Library, providing detailed information regarding export licences to Israel over the last six months. Together with the previous data release under the last government, and the detailed statements made to Parliament by the Foreign Secretary and the Business and Trade Secretary on 02 September 2024, this provides the Committee with a complete picture of Israel arms exports from the start of the Israel-Gaza conflict to present, including the impact of the suspension decision earlier this year.

Publication today means you will have the information on licenses current as of four days ago. It also ensures I can speak to the latest statistics publicly, in accordance with the Code of Practice for Statistics. I have done so to ensure that the most current data is available for discussion today, or to follow up by correspondence afterwards should the Committee have further questions.

I am depositing a copy of this letter and ad hoc data release in the Libraries of both Houses.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

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