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Dear Anthony,

Thank you for your question on AI governance during the debate on the UK-China Economic and Financial Dialogue on 14 January, and my sincere apologies for not being able to provide you with an answer during the debate.

I agree that the effective governance of AI will be critical to the safe and responsible development of AI, and I have received an update from HMT and DSIT officials. I have been informed of the UK's global leadership on AI governance through the AI Safety Institute (AISI), which has built strong bilateral links with overseas AI Safety Institutes, and in April 2024 signed an agreement with the US AISI. The Government is committed to supporting and growing the AISI, including through establishing it as a statutory body. 28 countries plus the European Union (EU) signed the Bletchley Declaration at the AI Safety Summit in November 2023, and that the UK is set to play a key role at the AI Action Summit in Paris next month, where nearly 100 nations will meet to discuss global AI governance.

The Government is committed to international cooperation on AI governance, including through multi-lateral forums such as the G7, G20, and United Nations. In September 2024, alongside the USA and EU, we signed the Council of Europe Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law, which will operate alongside our existing legal framework to reinforce protections for human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.

As you may be aware, the Government on 13 January published the AI Opportunities Action Plan, a bold roadmap setting out how the UK can harness AI's potential to drive growth and productivity and transform the delivery of public services. The Plan will enable the UK to maintain its position as a global leader on AI, including in AI governance and safety.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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