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Dear David,

Follow-up on FIRS Data Publication Raised During the Transnational Repression in the UK (JCHR Report) Debate

Thank you for leading the debate on the Joint Committee on Human Rights' report on transnational repression. It was a valuable and considered discussion. I welcome the constructive way in which you and other Members engaged with the issues raised. The Government is grateful for the Committee's continued scrutiny in this important area, and I appreciated the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Home Office.

I am writing further to the question you raised during the debate regarding the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme (FIRS) and the publication of data relating to its operation. I wanted to take the opportunity to provide some additional clarity on this point.

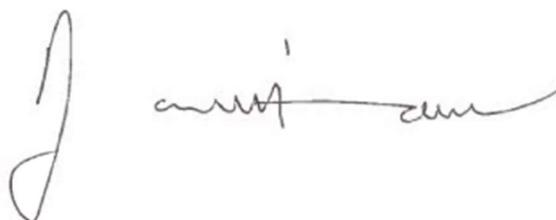
The Government will be publishing an annual report on the operation of FIRS. It will set out, among other things, the number of registrations, the number of information notices issued, the number of persons charged with an offence and the number of persons convicted of an offence.

The annual report will be a key mechanism for providing transparency on the scheme and the first report will, in accordance with section 82 of the National Security Act 2023, be published once the scheme has been live for a year. Accordingly, the first of these reports will be published as soon as practicable after 30 June 2026 rather than by the 30 June as I stated during the debate.

Thank you again for your leadership in this debate and for your continued engagement on these issues.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,



Lord Hanson of Flint