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Minister for Defence Readiness and Industry

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Dear Ashley,

I undertook to write to you regarding the cost to the British Army of the move to Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) under the UK SAF mandate.

Defence aviation fuel is procured through a centralised National Armaments aviation fuels contract. Since January 2025, fuel supplied to Defence has included a proportion of SAF in accordance with Government requirements.

The Army has not made a separate estimate of the cost attributable solely to the SAF component of aviation fuel. As fuel is supplied as a blended product, the SAF element is not held separately within fuel costs. Furthermore, aviation fuel pricing is affected by a range of factors, including global energy prices, supply chain conditions and foreign exchange movements.

I hope this letter is useful.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.



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