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Minister for Defence Readiness and Industry

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Dear Joe,

I undertook to write to you regarding the projected cost to the British Army of using Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).

Defence aviation fuel is procured through a centralised National Armaments aviation fuels contract. Fuel is supplied as a blended product and, since January 2025, has included a proportion of SAF in accordance with Government requirements. Consequently, the cost attributable specifically to the SAF component is not held separately from the overall fuel cost.

Furthermore, aviation fuel pricing is affected by a range of factors, including global energy prices, supply chain conditions and foreign exchange movements. Future fuel consumption will also vary according to operational requirements and flying activity. Consequently, the Ministry of Defence does not hold information on the specific historical or forecast cost attributable solely to the SAF component of aviation fuel, either in total or on a per-litre basis.

I hope this letter is useful.

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



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