The Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP
Secretary of State
Ministry of Defence
London SW1A 2HB

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Dear Gavin,

In April 2017, Harriett Baldwin MP, then Minister for Defence Procurement, opened the £83 million Defence Fulfilment Centre (DFC) in Donnington. It was announced that the facility was planned to be fully operational in 2019 and would act as the central hub for the storage and distribution of Defence’s £30 billion inventory. The Committee would be grateful for a detailed update on progress towards the DFC becoming fully operational, covering the following points:

1. Is it still planned that the DFC will be fully operational in 2019? What is the target date?

2. What tasks are currently undertaken by the DFC and what additional tasks will be undertaken when the Centre is fully operational?

3. Please provide details of capital, staff and running costs of the DFC to date, anticipated future costs, and how these compare to the budget.

4. How will the DFC “streamline distribution and storage, and deliver savings of around £500 million by 2028”?

5. The DFC is part of the Logistic Commodities and Services Transformation programme. Please provide an update on the programme, including timelines, performance indicators, anticipated costs and savings, and details of the facilities that are involved.

It would be helpful to receive your response by Friday 1 June.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon. Dr Julian Lewis
Chairman of the Committee