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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your response to my letter of 14th December, which was sent by Nick Pickles, the Head of Public Policy at Twitter UK. I am grateful as well that your company has confirmed the representatives it will send to our oral evidence hearing in Washington DC on 8th February on fake news and disinformation.

I'm afraid there are outstanding questions from the DCMS select committee that Twitter have not yet answered, and some further ones that come from your most recent letter. I have set these out below, and I would be grateful if Twitter could answer them either at or before the evidence session in Washington DC.

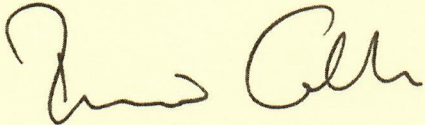
Twitter states that 1% of the accounts identified in the City University study of Russian activity on the site during the Brexit referendum campaign, were registered in Russia. Could you confirm how many other accounts were being controlled from agencies in Russia, even if they were not registered there;

How many of the accounts share the characteristics of the accounts that have already been identified as being linked to Russia, even if you are yet to establish conclusively that that link exists;

Of the 13,493 suspected bot accounts highlighted in the City University Study, Twitter is still yet to answer the committee as to whether these were legitimate users or bots; who controlled these accounts, what the audience was for their activity during the referendum period, and who deleted the tweets from these accounts.

I'm afraid that the failure to obtain straight answers to these questions, whatever they might be, is simply increasing concerns about these issues, rather than reassuring people.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damian Collins', written in a cursive style.

DAMIAN COLLINS

Chair of the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee