Dear Deirdre,

We have received some correspondence raising concerns about the legal basis and safety of some privately chartered flights in December 2018 and January 2019, the last of which resulted in the tragic death of footballer Emiliano Sala on 21 January 2019.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a memorandum setting out:

- The legal and regulatory framework under which private charters must operate;
- An explanation of how the CAA monitors private charters, including details of how and when the CAA would take enforcement action in respect of illegal charters;
- Any description of the steps that the CAA has taken or plans to take to raise awareness of problems with illegal charter flight operations;
- Any response to the concerns that have been expressed in the media and the industry on the legality and safety of unlicensed charter flight operations; and
- Details of what, if any, plans the CAA has to investigate the flight that resulted in the death of Emiliano Sala on 21 January 2019.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Best wishes,

Lilian Greenwood MP
Chair of the Transport Committee