



The Committees on Arms Export Controls

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On the World At One yesterday, you said that the UK's arms exports to Russia is something we must look at.

In his reply of 12 May to my letter to him of 10 April, the Business Secretary stated that as at May 2014 there were 285 Government approved extant arms export licences to Russia, and that those which were Standard Individual Export Licences (SIELs) were valued at £131.5 million. The Government does not provide values for Open Individual Export Licences (OIELs) because of their open nature.

Your predecessor, William Hague, stated in the House on 18 March: "The UK will now, with immediate effect, suspend all extant licences and application processing for licences for direct export to Russia for military and dual-use items destined for units of the Russian armed forces or other state agencies which could be or are being deployed against Ukraine. We will also suspend licences for exports to third countries for incorporation into equipment for export to Russia where there is a clear risk that the end product will be used against Ukraine."

On 24 April I wrote to William Hague asking for details of all licence suspensions, and of any subsequent revocations or re-instatements, to Russia in the period 10 March 2014 to the present.

The information I received from the Business Secretary in his reply to me of 14 May, and which is published in full in our 2014 Report, at Ev 218 of Volume II, showed that of the 285 extant licences to Russia only a relatively small number, 34, had been suspended, revoked or re-issued without Russia.

Please could you state in your reply:

1. Whether the Government will be suspending, revoking or re-issuing without Russia all or some of the remaining extant arms export licences to Russia. If so, please provide the details in the same format as in Annex 4, "Licences Suspended for Russia" of the Business Secretary's reply of 14 May.
2. Whether the Government will be suspending the processing of all applications for arms export licences to Russia regardless of whether the military or dual-use items concerned could be or are being deployed against Ukraine. If so, please state what conditions Russia will have to fulfil for the UK Government's suspension of the processing of arms export licence applications to Russia to be lifted.
3. What specific steps the UK Government is taking to persuade NATO and EU Member States to adopt the same policies on arms exports to Russia as the UK.

Yours sincerely
John