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Dear Michael,

Vanguard Successor Programme

There is growing concern in the Defence Committee—and more widely in Parliament—that the Government has yet to set a date for the debate and vote on the Vanguard Successor Programme. This is causing an unacceptable level of uncertainty not only for Parliament, but for the main contractors and their supply chains.

The Committee would be grateful for an indication of when this long-anticipated vote is to be held and an explanation of any reasons for not proceeding forthwith, now that the political obstacles which existed in the previous Parliament no longer apply.

Yours ever,

Julian