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Dear Julian

Thank you for your letter on the 29 November 2018, concerning the Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) on the Apache Integrated Operational Support contract amendment.

As noted in the WMS, the Apache AH-64E will enter service in 2024. Due to the need to manage obsolescence issues on the current Mk1 helicopter and to ensure a smooth transition for pilots and engineers, the out of service date for the Apache Mk1 has been advanced to 2024.

We remain committed to the four squadrons which will form part of the Warfighting Division for Joint Force 2025. The overall numbers of the Apache Fleet in service, broken down by variant, is noted in the table below.

Apache Variant	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 to 2030
AH Mk1	50	47	35	21	14	14	0
AH-64E	0	0	10	22	34	46	50

Notes:

- The numbers reflect the Apache fleet as it is planned for the end of the calendar year.
- The AH Mk1 figures do not include the 16 aircraft that had been placed in storage. Of these, 14 aircraft are being dismantled to allow systems common with the AH-64E to be re-used on the new aircraft where economic to do so.

Regarding your request on an update on the AH-64E helicopters, I can advise that we have committed to the purchase of 50 aircraft from the US Government (USG) through Foreign Military Sales with an agreed delivery profile. As part of their contracting arrangements, the USG has already placed orders for all 50 sets of key systems, such as engines and sensors. They have separately contracted The Boeing Company (USA) for the assembly of the first 38 aircraft and plan to contract for the remaining 12 aircraft as part of a wider multinational order, in time to meet their delivery commitments to us. The contract between the USG and Boeing is expected to be signed in Spring 2020.

I hope this is helpful.

*Yours
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