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Dear Chair

**Thirteenth Report of Session 2021-22, Initial Lessons from the Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

I am writing to provide further clarification to the letter I sent to the Committee on 16 March 2023 setting out the Department's fifth quarterly PPE update.

This concerns the final sentence in the fourth paragraph where it states, 'Of the 60 contracts under review, commercial discussions alongside legal review were underway for 58 of them and 1 was subject to litigation'. It has since come to my attention that we should have provided further clarity on this point in our update.

The one remaining contract which we did not reference in the letter is a contract that is currently in an arbitration process.

I hope you find this update satisfactory, please let me know if you require further details.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wormald

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