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RE: MOD's Official Press Office Twitter Account

Dear Permanent Secretary,

The Public Accounts Committee has noted the messages released by the MOD's Official Press Office Twitter Account in relation to the Committee's report into the Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2021–31, and the subsequent written parliamentary answers given in response to the Member for North Durham in relation to the report, in which the Minister indicated that the Ministry of Defence will be writing to the PAC in due course to outline "in detail" the "inaccuracies" described in the Twitter response.

The NAO's report that forms the basis of our inquiry was an agreed report between the auditor and department. While we are content to await the Government's response to the Committee's conclusions and recommendations through the usual Treasury Minute process, we ask that the department provide that full and clear explanation of your Press Office's comments, setting out precisely which parts of our report are inaccurate. The Committee would be grateful for a response by Friday 17 June.

Yours sincerely

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Dame Meg Hillier MP

Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts