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Dear Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP,

Thank you for your email of 25 March on behalf of your constituents, regarding arms export licences to Israel.

The Government takes its defence export responsibilities extremely seriously and operates some of the most robust export controls in the world. We continue to monitor closely the situation in Israel and Gaza, and if extant licences are found to be no longer consistent with the Strategic Export Licensing Criteria, including consideration of a clear risk that items might be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of International Humanitarian Law, then those licences can be revoked, suspended, or amended.

The Government considers a range of factors, including examining the political and security conditions in the destination country, the nature of the equipment to be exported, the organisation or unit which will ultimately be the user of the equipment, and all available information about how similar equipment has been used in the past and how it is likely to be used in the future.

Thank you again for your email. I hope that this response is helpful to you and your constituents.

Yours sincerely,

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