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Dear David

I am writing following concerns that have been raised over the timescale and allocation of work by the Ministry of Defence in relation to the contracts for the Type 26 frigates to be built at the BAE Systems shipyards on the Clyde.

As you will recall a clear commitment was given to build 13 Type 26 frigates on the Clyde and to ensure that there were no further job losses, following an agreed reduction in staffing numbers.

That commitment has already been cut back to only 8 frigates and the proposed timescale for delivery now appears to have been slowed significantly, reducing investment and employment opportunities in the near future and putting at risk up to 800 jobs.

There also appears to be a lack of clarity over the timing of the Offshore Patrol Vessels.

It is essential that workers on the Clyde, who have already shown their commitment to building these vessels receive a clear guarantee from you that construction will proceed as promised, that there will be a clear and consistent stream of work for the BAE yards on the Clyde and that the scale up of employment will not be delayed.

Anything less would be an absolute betrayal of the commitments made to workers at the shipyard.

My government has worked constructively with BAE to support the frigate programme and to ensure the yard has the skills and facilities required.

The BAE yards on the Clyde require a cast iron commitment from your government that you will deliver the contracts as promised, with the full scale up of the workforce without any risk to employment at the yards.



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