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Dear Mr Saxon,

Thank you for your email of 19 June to Wendy Newton concerning the announcement by Rolls-Royce on 15 June of a company restructuring that included a reduction of approximately 4,600 roles. I have been asked to reply as it is the responsibility of the respective Secretariat to respond to members of the public when they raise issues of concern to the Department.

You ask whether a reduction in the numbers of Rolls-Royce personnel would have a direct impact on, or in any way compromise the safety of, the ongoing work to defuel and decommission the facility at Naval Reactor Test Establishment (NRTE) Vulcan. The Ministry of Defence has contracted with Rolls-Royce to deliver its programme of work at Vulcan and is assured that Rolls-Royce has the appropriate Suitably Qualified and Experienced Personnel resources to safely and securely deliver the scope of that contract.

You raised that prior knowledge of the company's restructuring programme should have been passed to you in your role as Chairman of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, and have asked that such information be supplied in the future. The restructuring is a commercial matter for Rolls-Royce, and any announcement would be market sensitive and closely held within the company until released formally. It would not be appropriate for the Ministry of Defence to comment on, or share information about, Rolls-Royce's corporate restructuring programme.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Parrish

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