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20th June 2018*Dear Ms Dixon,*

Thank you for your letter of 11th June concerning the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) investigation into Airbus Group.

As I am sure you appreciate, I cannot comment on the status or scope of a live investigation for operational reasons. Our policy on publishing information about casework can be found on our website at <https://www.sfo.gov.uk/our-cases/>.

As with all investigations we follow the evidence and consider what offences might be charged in the light of what we find and all prosecution decisions are taken in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors. There must be sufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction and a prosecution must be in the public interest.

I can also assure you that the SFO is alive to the range of enforcement options that are available in respect of individuals and companies, including those outlined in your letter. The SFO will always consider the full range of possible criminal justice outcomes in all its investigations where the Code test is satisfied. Nonetheless, it is important to reiterate that all enforcement penalties and compensation options, whether flowing from a successful prosecution or a Deferred Prosecution Agreement, are matters for the court and subject to judicial approval.

I hope this addresses your concerns.

Yours sincerely

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