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Dear Kanishka,

It was grateful for your contribution to my recent Westminster Hall debate on technology sovereignty. During the debate, I posed a series of questions, your response addressed some of them and subsequent answers to parliamentary questions have in part answered others. But I am seeking clarity on the ones set out below:

1. Big Tech Power & Democratic Accountability

Can you confirm that the UK does not seek to treat the Big Tech companies as sovereign states?

2. Defining Sovereignty & Government Position

What capability does the UK now have in AI, and what "minimum capability" does the Minister think we need?

Do you agree that weak competition in the AI and digital sectors, caused by giant incumbents, reduces our ability to lead?

3. Cybersecurity, Data Governance & Foreign Dependence

Have Ministers or officials in the department discussed the impact of the US Cloud Act, the Patriot Act, and entity list tools, with Microsoft, AWS, and Palantir in regard to UK data sovereignty?

What is the assessment of our dependence on foreign-manufactured Common Information Models (CIMs), and how will we ensure the resilience of UK infrastructure relying on them?

4. Open Source, Procurement & Public Sector Technology

From 1 April 2026 onwards when each department is accountable for applying functional standards as set by DSIT, what reporting on open standards compliance will be available? When will the National Cloud Strategy be delivered.

Does the Government intend to start collecting data to measure exactly how much of our public service infrastructure is dependent on foreign-based cloud technology?

What guidance is there requiring or encouraging the procurement of Sovereign AI?

#### 5. International Collaboration & Sovereignty Strategy

Are the priority areas of the government minded to share leadership, and perhaps sovereignty, with our allies?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chi Onwurah". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chi" and the last name "Onwurah" clearly legible.

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