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### **Arms sales to Saudi Arabia**

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

The UK Government have been far too quiet in raising concerns about Saudi Arabia's human rights record and the killing of innocent civilians in Yemen.

I share the concerns of many people who have contacted me about the conflict and humanitarian situation in Yemen. I have raised my concerns with the Government on several occasions, most recently last month in an Urgent Question on the attack by the Saudi-Emirati-led coalition on the port of Hodeidah, you can see the Hansard record of that question [here](#).

Alongside my Labour colleagues I have also urged the Government to use every diplomatic channel to help bring the war in Yemen to a halt and ensure that humanitarian assistance gets through to the people of Yemen unimpeded.

The Labour party has also led calls on the Tory government to suspend arms sales to Saudi Arabia until we can be guaranteed that weapons and planes manufactured in the UK are not being used in attacks on civilian areas. We will continue to put pressure on the UK Government in this regards.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me on this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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