

## Private Secretary Cover Note

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>PS:</b>	<b>DATE: 02/03/2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Bilateral with Elbit Systems UK's CEO meeting on Palestine Action</b>		
<b>OBJECTIVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reassure Martin Fausset that the criminal protest acts against Elbit Systems UK are taken seriously by Government.</li></ul>		
<b>ATTENDEES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You (Home Secretary)</li><li>• CEO of Elbit Systems UK Ltd, Martin Fausset</li></ul>		
<b>KEY POINTS TO RAISE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Palestine Action's criminal activity is for the police to investigate and though they are operationally independent of Government meaning we cannot direct their response, my officials have been in contact with the police about PA</li><li>• The Government is working, where appropriate, to ensure that those who engage in criminal activity progress through the Criminal Justice System.</li></ul>		
<b>LIKELY POINTS RAISED BY OTHER ATTENDEES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• &lt;redacted&gt;</li><li>• &lt;redacted&gt;</li></ul>		

## Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Impact of Palestine Action on Elbit Systems' activities
3. <redacted>
4. AoB

## Biography

Martin Fausset, CEO, Elbit Systems UK Ltd.

Since 2016 Martin Fausset has led the UK operation of Elbit Systems, aiming to expand its more than £100 million annual revenues in the UK through sales growth and acquisitions. Previously he headed up the engineering company Ricardo and was a programme director at AgustaWestland during its delivery of the Apache attack helicopter.



## Lines to take

1. Welcome and introductions
- Thank Martin for the work Elbit does in support of the British Armed Forces.
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## Background

### 1. Elbit Systems UK Ltd

- Elbit Systems UK Ltd is a defence, technology, and aerospace company. It is a subsidiary of Elbit Systems Ltd, an Israeli based defence company.
- Elbit Systems UK has six subsidiaries in the UK across ten sites (see annex A). It employs over 500 staff in a range of high tech and specialist manufacturing roles.
- Elbit Systems UK deliver the Watchkeeper UAV programme for the British Army and support a fleet of 38 aircraft for the UK MOD Military Flying Training School. They have also been selected by the MOD to provide the MORPHEUS Battlefield Management Application, a tactical communication and information systems, for the British Army.
- Ferranti Technologies in Oldham, a subsidiary of Elbit, has now closed, with its assets being absorbed by Elbit. The details of why are not known to us. PA are claiming this as a victory from their action against Elbit Systems and are using it to promote their tactics.

### 2. Palestine Action

- Palestine Action (PA) was launched on 30 July 2020 to connect Palestine solidarity groups across the UK. Their primary focus is on Elbit Systems Ltd UK with a stated aim to shut the company down. Recent and planned protests can be seen in annex B.
- PA engage in direct action against those they see as complicit in oppressing Palestinians. Their tactics include gaining access to sites and causing criminal damage and lock-ons. They typically cause damage with hammers, bricks, smoke grenades, flares, and red paint.
- PA also target subsidiaries of Elbit:
  - UAV Engines in Shenstone
    - Shut three times since the movement's launch in August 2020. The first of these occupations occurred in September of last year, **<redacted>**
  - Elite KL in Tamworth
    - PA are repeatedly targeting Elite KL, having done so in recent days.
  - Ferranti in Oldham

- Elbit has sold Ferranti in January. PA claim this was as a result of their direct action.
- Intro Precision in Kent
  - Intro has been subject to multiple pro-Palestine protests from a variety of protest groups.
- Secondary targets highlighted on their campaign pages include JCB and HSBC.
- Official membership and supporter numbers to the group are not known. However, direct action by the group is committed by a small number of members.

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## Annex A – Elbit System UK Ltd Locations

- London (HQ)
- Shenstone
- Bristol
- Leicester
- Oldham
- Lichfield
- Holyhead
- Kent
- Tamworth
- Lincoln





