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Dear Mr McDonald

Thank you for your letters advising of Petition 547 and Petition 553.

In 2022, a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Victorian Government and SIBAT to advance Victorian manufacturing. The MoU has not resulted in any projects and will expire on 7 December 2024. The Victorian Government has determined to not renew the MoU beyond this date.

In 2020, the Victorian Government entered an agreement with Elbit Systems' Australian subsidiary, ELSA, on a project to partner with Victorian research institutions. The project was completed earlier this year. Therefore, the Victorian Government is no longer providing support to ELSA for this project.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jacinta Allan MP Member for Bendigo East Premier

cc Jaclyn Symes MP, Attorney-General 29/11/2024

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