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Dear Prof Nicola Pratt,

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 October about Mr Alaa Abd El-Fattah. The Parliamentary Correspondence Team in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has been asked to reply.

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office appreciates that this continues to be a difficult time for Mr El-Fattah and his family. Mr El-Fattah's case remains a priority for the UK Government.

We can assure you that the UK Government, both in London and through our officials at the British Embassy in Cairo continue to engage with the Egyptian authorities to secure consular access to Mr El-Fattah and seek his release. The Foreign Secretary has raised this case on several occasions, most recently with Foreign Minister Badr Abdellaty on 7 October 2024. The Prime Minister also raised Mr El-Fattah's case with President Sisi on 8 August 2024. Minister Falconer, FCDO Minister responsible for the Middle East and North Africa and Consular Affairs, met Foreign Minister, Badr Abdelatty, on 15 October and the Egyptian Ambassador on 11 September and raised Mr El Fattah's case.

Information about the type of assistance we can and cannot provide can be found in our Support for British Nationals Abroad guide:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-british-nationals-abroad-a-guide>.

Yours sincerely,

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