

NOTE TO PRESS OFFICERS

ISRAELI ARMS SALES TO ARGENTINA

For your own information

The Israeli Ambassador was summoned by Sir John Leahy yesterday afternoon and asked to pass our strong representations about Israeli arms sales to Argentina to his Government. Our Ambassador in Tel Aviv has also made representations. We expect a definite answer from the Israeli Government soon, but there may be some delay because today is their National Day.

Line to take (on the record)

We are naturally concerned about reports which we have seen and we have been in touch with the Israeli Government.

If asked how/where

Both in London and in Tel Aviv, at Ambassadorial level.

Unattributably with trustees

There is a written PQ this afternoon (Wednesday).

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