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Dear Michael,

I am writing to ask when the review carried out by Lord Dunlop into UK Government Union capability, will be published. The Cabinet Secretary, Sir Mark Sedwill, when he appeared before the Committee in March, assured us that it was the intention to publish this report, and that the decision on publication sat with Ministers. The Government has now had Lord Dunlop's report for over six months. It is vital that this important review is published to provide a clearer understanding of the UK governments capability for effectively working with devolved administrations. Publication of the report has been made all the more necessary given the current importance of cooperation and coordination between the UK Government and devolved admirations in dealing with Covid-19. While we appreciate the Government may have preferred to have developed proposed implementation strategies to go along with the report, given the length of time and current circumstances, now is the time to publish the report to allow scrutiny.

If could also update the Committee on the progress that is being made on the review of intergovernmental relations and in the development and publication of a devolution policy for the union document, it would be appreciated.

Yours ever,

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