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I am writing to invite and encourage you to collaborate with the Treasury Committee to scrutinise the 2020 Spending Review.

With changing fiscal rules, commitments already made by the Government in areas like health and education, and suggestions that austerity has ended, there is a lot at stake in this Spending Review and once the outcome is announced it will be difficult to change the key spending decisions for the next three or more years.

For this reason, now would be an ideal time for newly reappointed departmental committees to engage with Ministers about the pressures facing departments, the factors influencing their spending priorities, and the impact decisions in the Spending Review are likely to have on future outcomes.

Working with the House of Commons Scrutiny Unit, we have suggested questions your Committee, once appointed, might wish to send to your department. It is of course entirely up to you and your Committee to decide if you do wish to send such a letter, but I would be very grateful if you could keep us informed. Alongside our own work into the Treasury and HMRC as departments, the Treasury Committee will, as usual, be scrutinising the overall Spending Review process. If Committees are willing to share responses and emerging issues, it would greatly help us to take forward cross-cutting issues with Treasury Ministers, before the Spending Review is concluded.

With many thanks in advance for your assistance.

*As ever
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