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Dear *Permanent Secretary*,

RE: Rough sleeping funding announcement

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). Last week, the Department announced measures to tackle rough sleeping. I would like financial details for this announcement, to aid the Committee's scrutiny of public spending.

The announcement stated an extra £236m to tackle rough sleeping.

Relating to this figure, could you write to me with the details of:

- a) the name, purpose or objective of the spending proposal;
- b) the amounts of funding proposed for each category of spending (Resource DEL, Capital DEL, Resource AME, Capital AME), for each financial year;
- c) whether figures quoted are in cash (ie nominal) or real terms, and whether the commitment is made in nominal or real terms;
- d) whether the commitment will be met from within an already announced spending review settlement, and if the government is committing to new, additional resources being provided, how much additional funding is to be provided, and whether any has previously been announced;
- e) any previous announcements which this new commitment supersedes, or to which this new commitment relates;
- f) are the figures quoted estimated costs or commitments to spend?

Similarly, I would be grateful for a breakdown of the statement that the government has committed £437 million to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping in 2020/21



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and the details behind the statement that the government is already investing £1.2 billion to tackle homelessness.

I would be grateful if you provide these details by 18 March 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS