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Dear Alex,

Office of the Prime Minister

Further to our correspondence earlier in the year (8 February and 22 February) and the Prime Minister's comment in the House on 19 April that he had "taken significant steps to change the way things work in No. 10", I am writing to request an update on changes have been made to the Office of the Prime Minister, following the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's appointment as the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff and the appointment of Samantha Jones as interim Permanent Secretary for Number 10.

In particular:

- What changes have been made since our previous correspondence on this matter and what further changes are envisaged? Are you now in a position to answer those queries which you were previously unable to or can you give us an update on when do you expect to be able to do so?
- What will the relationship between the reformed Office of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet Office be and how it will differ from the current one?
- Whether the Number 10 Permanent Secretary is or will be Accounting Officer for the reformed Office of Prime Minister?
- How the proposed changes affect the operation of Cabinet Government.

I look forward to receiving your response by 13 May 2022.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP; the Chancellor for the Duchy of Lancaster, Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP; Cabinet Secretary Simon Case; and the Number 10 Permanent Secretary Samantha Jones.

Yours sincerely,

William Wragg MP
Chair, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee