

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Chair of Commons Science and Technology Committee

By email only

13 April 2022

Dear Mr Clark,

Transparency of CSA and Secretary of State meetings

I am writing in response to your question about why the number of meetings between Chief Scientific Advisers (CSAs) and their respective Secretaries of State are no longer released, which you asked me during the Science and Technology Committee meeting on 30th March.

As I said in the meeting, I was unaware of this situation previously but it is none the less disappointing. To ensure this does not happen again, my department, the Government Office for Science, will work with Cabinet Office to produce new guidance that recommends releasing this information. In addition, I will shortly be contacting CSA offices to explain that this is the response I expect.

Thank you for drawing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Patrick Vallance
UK Government Chief Scientific Adviser