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Dear Chair,

As you know, scrutiny by your committee is always a priority for the department and me. My officials have been working closely with your officials to prepare for the planned Work of the Home Secretary session tomorrow.

The Committee will be aware of the recent changes in Government, and in particular to the ministerial team in my department. Regrettably, as a result of this and the wider unprecedented changes since I agreed to give evidence, I will no longer be able to meet with the Committee tomorrow. I would however like to ensure that the session goes ahead at the next appropriate point, and suggest that we postpone until a mutually agreed date in September.

I apologise for the inconvenience caused to Committee members and recognise the work your staff will have undertaken, but I would like to reassure you that I have asked my officials to establish a new date as soon after summer recess as is practical.

With all good wishes


Rt Hon Priti Patel MP