

14th July 2022

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Chair,

Thank you for your response to my request to postpone our regular evidence session to September and for setting out the Committee's expectation of an appearance next week. My suggestion of September remains.

It is very important to me and my department that we continue facilitating the scrutiny function of the Committee and if there are any other means by which we can do this, rest assured that this will be prioritised by me, the Permanent Secretaries, and the department.

Yours sincerely,

*With our great wishes*  


**Rt Hon Priti Patel MP**