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From Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Chair

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(By e-mail)

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Dear Alok,

Vaccines Taskforce

Thank you for your letter of 23 July with an update on the work of the Vaccines Taskforce.

I note that in the letter you referred to the Government's acquisition of the Benchmark Vaccines Limited Site in Braintree. Following a discussion at Committee of the letter, I would be grateful if you could set out:

- the reasoning for acquiring the site in Braintree and whether consideration was given to acquiring alternative sites; and
- how the Taskforce will ensure that vaccine manufacturing capacity and capability will be distributed across the country.

I would be grateful if you could provide a response by Thursday 24 September at the latest. I will publish this letter and your response on the Committee's website in due course.

With best wishes,

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Chair