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Dear Clive,

Thank you for the invitation to appear before your Committee on Monday to discuss my priorities as Secretary of State.

Given that a new administration will now be in place by the end of next week, I can no longer attend the session as planned.

I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause to the Committee and I recognise the hard work your staff and Committee members have undertaken to prepare for this session.

Furthermore, I fully appreciate that good scrutiny leads to better government and I would like to reassure you and the Committee that if I remain in post after the new Prime Minister appoints their Cabinet I will appear before the Committee to discuss my priorities within a fortnight.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon Simon Clarke MP