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Dear Baroness Armstrong,

Thank you for your letter of 4 September to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, inviting him to provide oral evidence to your Committee. I am responding on his behalf, and apologise for the delay in sending this response.

I greatly appreciated the additional detail provided in your letter on the vital work your Committee is undertaking to consider the future of public services, especially in light of the pressure as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I write to inform you, however, that a Cabinet Office Minister is unable to give oral evidence to your Committee at this time due to diary pressures. Nevertheless, I would be happy to provide written evidence on the issues you set out in your letter. I would be grateful if you could inform my officials of which themes such written evidence should cover, to ensure it is of best use for your Committee.

I would like to echo the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's enthusiastic comments on your Committee's work in his letter of 31 July, and I very much look forward to considering the recommendations that the Committee will put forward in due course.

I am copying this letter to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas True'.

Lord True CBE