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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 6 December 2022 in relation to the proposed review of the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA).

Thank you for confirming that you are content with the review's proposed Terms of Reference. I can confirm that I will share the final Terms of Reference with you in readiness for the start of the review, which I expect to begin in early 2023 and to be concluded in June 2023.

The start of the review is of course dependent on the selection of a Lead Reviewer but I'm pleased to say this process is already underway and is being conducted in accordance with the published guidance. I expect to announce who has been appointed Lead Reviewer in the New Year. I will be happy to discuss with you the most appropriate and proportionate method of contact between the Committee and the Lead Reviewer as the review moves forward.

As is usual practice with all reviews of this nature, there will be a full and transparent process which will culminate in the publication of recommendations and a summary of the review by the department. I will of course work closely with my officials to ensure the Committee is consulted prior to the implementation of any recommendations.

I look forward to working with the Committee as we move forward with this review.

I am copying this letter as yours to Sir Robert Chote, Chair of the UK Statistics Authority.

Warm regards

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6 December 2022

Dear Baroness Neville-Rolfe,

Review of the UK Statistics Authority – Terms of Reference

Thank you for your letter of 17 November. The Committee is grateful for sight of the proposed Terms of Reference for the forthcoming review of the UK Statistics Authority and looks forward to being involved in the process moving forward.

The Committee has reviewed the proposed Terms of Reference and believes them to be satisfactory. We would, however, like to pose a few additional questions related to the process and conduct of the review:

- When will you be in a position to confirm who will be leading the review?
- Can you reassure the Committee that the review lead will be appointed through a fair and open competitive process?
- Can you commit to giving the Committee sight of the final Terms of Reference which go into more granular detail about what will be examined ahead of the review's commencement?
- Can you commit to ensuring that the individual leading the review will come before this Committee at regular intervals before and during the review to set out their considerations and findings?
- Can you please provide the Committee with a timeline for the review?
- The Committee expects that the review will be conducted in the most transparent manner possible, with the final report and all relevant material being made public once the review is concluded. Can you commit to upholding these essential transparency requirements?
- Can you commit to coming before this Committee after the publication of the review but before any of the findings are implemented to set out the Government's detailed plans for implementation?

I am copying this letter to Sir Robert Chote, Chair of the UK Statistics Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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