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Dear Chairwoman,

Follow up to the EHRC's oral evidence on 30 November 2022

I am grateful to you and your Committee for the scrutiny session on 30 November. As promised, I am writing with further detail in response to some of the questions raised.

You asked us to provide an analysis of our supplier payments, including why trade payables in our 2021-22 annual accounts were double the amount for 2020-21 (£462k and £226k respectively), and whether this was due to slow payments to suppliers.

The Commission pays invoices promptly. In 2021-22, 96.4% were settled within 10 days of receipt, which is better than many public bodies. The trade payables figure referred to at your Committee was a snapshot on 31 March 2022: the invoices received but not yet paid at the end of the financial year. As such, this includes invoices dated 'March 2022' but received in April for work that had been completed in the previous financial year. The figure varies from year to year, depending on the speed at which suppliers submit their invoices. Of the £462k trade payables reported on 31 March 2022, 95% were paid in April 2022.

I promised to provide figures for the current financial year. I can confirm that, at

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30 September 2022, the mid-year point, our trade payables were just £2,000.

Your Committee also asked about mentions of the Commission in the media, and whether an overview of these should be in our annual report. I can confirm that we will include these data in our next annual report and accounts.

I will also inform you of the headline results of our annual staff survey once we are in a position to make these public.

I hope you and your Committee members had a restful winter break, and I look forward to appearing before you again in 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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