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Rt Hon. Meg Hillier MP
Chair, Public Accounts Committee
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Dear Chair,

One Hundred and Seventeenth Report of Session 2017–19: The effectiveness of Official Development Assistance expenditure.

In the report, the Committee made a recommendation (4) asking for all ODA spending departments to report back to the Committee on ‘the extent to which they will increase the proportion of their ODA-funded programmes that use performance measures based on impacts and outcomes.’

I understand that the Committee asked departments to respond to the recommendation by an original implementation date of May 2020. However, I regret that this date was missed. The Home Office was made aware of the requirement to report back to the Committee only in the last month.

The Home Office is committed to achieving value for money (VfM) and economy, efficiency, and effectiveness from all our ODA-funded programmes. Accordingly, all Home Office ODA programmes already use performance measures based on impacts and outcomes; including in programmes such as the Modern Slavery Fund and the Ending Violence Against Children Fund (EVAC). Both programmes use the Result Framework evidence tool to ensure a measurable outcomes approach that captures cumulative progress.

The [2019 Annual Report](#) of the EVAC Fund enumerates the impact of the programme activities and the ongoing effort of the Home Office through our ODA-funded programmes to catalyse, support, and invest in actions to

accelerate progress toward SDG 16.2: ending all forms of violence against children by 2030 – among other goals.

This includes progressing plans to protect children during and beyond COVID-19; organising an inaugural Grantee Convening, with 38 organisations working in over 50 countries to make the digital world safer for children; and launching the End Violence Lab with the University of Edinburgh to help developing countries harness data, evidence and learning to end violence against children.

Similarly, since launching in 2016, the Modern Slavery Fund has provided direct support to 34,280 victims of trafficking; trained 28,459 first responders; increased resilience for 206,985 vulnerable people; and reached at least 5 million people through strategic communications.

Further, since the PAC report the Home Office has increased the transparency of its ODA spend and has been able to demonstrate the impact of its programmes and how they tackle global challenges.

I hope that this gives you and the Committee reassurance about how the Home Office ensures that we use impacts and outcomes to ensure the effectiveness of our ODA-funded programmes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Rycroft', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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