

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Northern Ireland Affairs Committee
Scottish Affairs Committee
Welsh Affairs Committee

Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office

8 January 2021

Dear Michael,

Lord Dunlop's Review of Union Capability and the Review of Intergovernmental Relations

Thank you for your update on 23 December notifying us that both Lord Dunlop's Review and the conclusions of the review of intergovernmental relations (IGR) would not be published until early 2021.

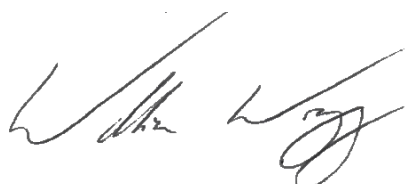
As you know, our Committees have been awaiting the publication of Lord Dunlop's Review and the Government's response to it for some time. It was therefore disappointing to learn that, contrary to earlier commitments, these would not be published before the end of 2020.

Before the Christmas recess, our Committees agreed to hold a joint evidence session on the Government's implementation of Lord Dunlop's Review and we are pleased that you confirmed to PACAC on 10 December that you would be willing to appear before our Committees to provide evidence on this important area of public interest.

Prior to receiving your letter of 23 December, we had identified 28 January 2021 as the date for this joint evidence session. In order for this session to go ahead as planned, our Members will require both Lord Dunlop's Review and the Government's response to be made public by 14 January. We would be grateful if you could confirm that the Government will be publishing the Review and the response within this timeframe. If you are unable to do so, we ask that you set out a clear alternative timeframe for publication so that we can arrange our scrutiny accordingly.

We look forward to hearing from you.

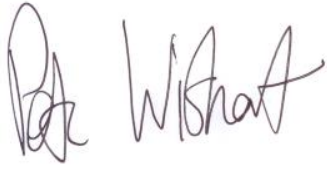
Yours sincerely,



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