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Dear Committee Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 16 December. I am happy to accede to your request to attend a hearing of the Committee alongside the Home Secretary on the work of the Department. I fully agree with you on the importance of scrutiny and transparency.

The Home Secretary has outlined in her response to you that she would like this session to be substantive and informative, and has therefore suggested a hearing in February. This would put us in a stronger position to take stock following the end of the Transition Period, and to look forward to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

**Matthew Rycroft**  
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