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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 20 February and your invitation for the Lead Reviewer, Professor Denise Lievesley CBE, and me to appear in front of your committee to discuss the report and the government's response on 12 March.

I am writing to you in continuation of our previous correspondence regarding the invitation of Professor Denise Lievesley CBE and me to appear in front of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee. This follows our discussion of the public bodies review of the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA).

I can now confirm that I have received the review and I am now in the process of working with colleagues across government to draft our official response which will be published alongside the review. We anticipate that it will take some time to come to a measured and considered response given the breadth of the report and its recommendations. However, we hope to publish the report and the response in the Spring.

This process will ensure that the response not only addresses the findings of the review, but also aligns with the broader goals and commitments of the government. It is a practice consistent with our approach to previous reviews, including the one conducted by the Sports Ground Safety Authority, where the response was published in concert with the review.

Given the importance of presenting a fully formed and considered response to the review, we believe that it would be more appropriate to schedule our appearance before your committee after the publication of both the review and our response. This timing will enable a more fruitful and informed discussion, as all parties will have access to the complete context and findings, as well as the government's stance and proposed actions.

In light of our current progress and the anticipated timeline, the date of 12 March is premature for the reasons mentioned above. We are committed to ensuring that when we do appear before your committee, it is with the full breadth of information and insight necessary to facilitate a productive and meaningful exchange.

To this end, we will remain in close communication with your office to identify a suitable date for our appearance following the publication of the review and our response, anticipated in the Spring. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility in accommodating this scheduling adjustment.

*Kind regards*

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