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Dear Greg,

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO LORD WILLETTS' INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE DSIT BUSINESS CASE AND APPROVALS PROCESS

I am writing to share with you the government's response to the Independent Review of DSIT's business case and approvals processes, led by Lord David Willetts, which was published 1 May.

DSIT has been working to drive a range of new innovations in how it operates to improve the efficiency of our R&D system. As part of this process, DSIT Secretary of State asked Lord Willetts to lead a review tasked with making recommendations for how DSIT can rapidly improve its approach to how it approves funding for R&D. The independent report from Lord Willetts on Reforming the DSIT business case process was published on 9 February earlier this year.

DSIT accepts all six of the report recommendations and we are committed to driving forward the actions set out in the response to address each of them.

Our vision is that DSIT will lead the way with these reforms and our improved processes will serve as a blueprint for how other Government departments can refine their business case approvals processes for R&D, to ensure they put us in the best position to deliver our objectives, while maximising value for money for the taxpayer.

I will place a copy of this letter and these two documents in the libraries of the House.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Griffith MP

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