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Dear Chair,

Many congratulations on your new role as Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee. My office will be in touch to organise an introductory meeting over the coming weeks, and I look forward to appearing at the Committee for an introductory hearing on 9th July.

I previously wrote to you on 11 April 2024, responding to your letter dated 26 March 2024 addressed to Sir Alex Chisholm, following his appearance before the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 27 February 2024.

Since then, I have been made aware of an inaccuracy in the letter in relation to the Cabinet Office's IT project; I apologise that this is the context of my first letter to you.

My letter had stated that the previous supplier's contract had been terminated due to non performance and non completion. However, the formal termination actually came about through a negotiated settlement agreement with the supplier. The details of the settlement, as specified in the letter of 11 April 2024, remain correct.

I have stressed the importance of ensuring the accuracy of any and all information provided to Parliament with the officials who provided me with the information that went into the original letter. Please accept my sincere apologies for the error and for any inconvenience this has caused to your work. I would be grateful if you could publish this follow up letter on your website, alongside my original letter of 11 April.

Yours sincerely,

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