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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 29 July, and for your welcoming me into my role.

I recognise the crucial role that the Committee's oversight plays, and I am eager for the Department to foster a constructive and collaborative partnership moving forward. However owing to diary commitments I am not able to appear to give evidence to the Committee before Christmas.

I hope it will be possible to arrange a session at a suitable alternative date in the future, and in the interim, I would of course be happy to discuss any matters that the Committee wishes to raise via correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP**  
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