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Dear Permanent Secretary,

I would like to welcome the Department's recent [publication](#) of conflicts of interests, notably for Mr Ian Hogarth, Chair of the AI Safety Institute, and other key personnel including Matt Clifford and other board and committee members.

This goes a long way to addressing the recommendations in our [report](#) and concerns I have been [raising](#) with you about the need for greater transparency. As the Government considers its next steps on AI regulation, copyright and much more, such disclosures are a vital means to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the Government's work.

I would also like to thank those providing these disclosures and their commitment to public service—with all the challenges around transparency and due respect for personal privacy that this entails.

I hope this approach to heightened transparency will continue and look forward to continuing to engage with you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

BARONESS STOWELL OF BEESTON