



Liaison Committee

Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London
By email

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Dear Prime Minister,

Strategic scrutiny

Thank you for your letter of 13 December and for your swift engagement with the Committee. I am pleased to see the importance you place on the work of, and proper engagement with, select committees.

In your letter you mention our predecessor Committee's work on strategic thinking in Whitehall. The report, entitled [Promoting national strategy: How select committee scrutiny can improve strategic thinking in Whitehall](#) was agreed by the Liaison Committee at the end of the last Parliament. It sets out the importance of the Government focusing on long-term priorities and the role of Parliament in encouraging Whitehall to move away from the short-termism in policymaking.

I am pleased that the Committee's report has been useful in developing the Plan for Change. At its meeting last Tuesday, the Committee agreed that I should write to you and enquire when we might receive a substantive response to the report.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Committee on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Meg Hillier MP

Chair of the Committee

cc Matt Byatt, Number 10 Parliamentary Clerk