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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 5 February, inviting us to appear before your Committee.

We appreciate the Committee's vital work in examining the use of data in the response to COVID-19, and we are grateful to the Paymaster General and Minister Whately for giving oral evidence to your inquiry. While we are unable to appear before your Committee on 25 February due to diary pressures, we would happily answer any further questions your Committee may have via correspondence.

With every good wish,

**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
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