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Dear Florence,

Presentation of Fire MoG in the Main Estimate

All fire functions previously held by the Home Office moved to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 1st April 2025. This was announced by the Prime Minister on 13 February 2025 in a Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) (HCWS455) and recommended by Grenfell Phase 2 Inquiry report. The move consolidated responsibility for building safety and fire under a single Secretary of State, providing for greater coherence and focus to fire safety policy and delivery.

While the transfer of ministerial responsibilities took place on 1st April, the two departments are working together to finalise the move of all functions and staff whilst ensuring continuity of service. To facilitate this all budgets relating to the transferring functions continue to be included in the Home Office's voted expenditure at Main Estimates. This will be updated in the next Supplementary Estimate, when budgets will be formally transferred to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government voted expenditure. The interim arrangement will be supported by a formal exchange of letters between the Accounting Officers of the two departments.

The Transfer of Functions Order, expected to be laid before the Parliament on 13 May, will formalise the transfer of all fire-related responsibilities, resources, and any associated assets and liabilities from the Home Office to MHCLG.

I am copying this letter to the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Yours sincerely,

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