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Dear Mr Chisholm,

RE: G4S takeover

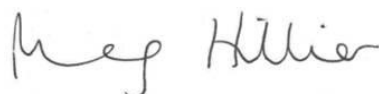
I am writing regarding the head-to-head auction between AlliedUniversal and GardaWorld to take ownership of G4S, whose management of government contracts has been the subject of this Committee's attention on several previous occasions.

The G4S takeover process has raised many questions, and I would be grateful if you could respond to the following points:

- *Has the Cabinet Office undertaken any scrutiny or investigation into the two bidders for G4S, to ensure their financial viability, commitment to delivering value for money, and ability to manage a portfolio of government contracts? Did G4S discuss the matter with its Crown Representative or other civil servants?*
- *What measures have been put in place to ensure the continuity of government contracts?*
- *Has the Cabinet Office had any discussion about the impact on jobs, and terms and conditions of employment of staff impacted by this takeover and the impact on continuity of existing contracts?*

The Committee would expect to publish this letter and your response on its website, and would welcome a reply by 19 March.

Yours sincerely,



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CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS