



Science, Innovation
and Technology
Committee

Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP
Secretary of State
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

By email only

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Subject: UK-US life sciences deal

Dear Liz,

Thank you for your letter of 18 December, where, on our request, you shared some information on the UK-US life sciences deal. I am writing to seek further details.

- You stated that the costs of the deal and accompanying policy changes in the current Spending Review period are estimated at £1 billion. Please set out the basis for this figure, how it was calculated, and whether it factors in estimated taxes and revenues based on projected behaviour on the part of companies.
- What are the costs that will be borne by each department? Will any come from existing NHS budgets, and, if so, how much?
- You said that the Department for Health and Social Care would “make an investment” into the VPAG scheme as part of the deal. What form will this take?

I would be grateful if you could reply by 30 January. I intend to place this letter, and your response, in the public domain.

With best wishes,

Dame Chi Onwurah MP

Chair – Science, Innovation and Technology Committee