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Dear Dame Chi,

**DESIGNATION OF THE STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, THE MANAGEMENT OF RADIO SPECTRUM AND
POSTAL SERVICES**

I am pleased to notify you and your committee that the Statement of Strategic Priorities for telecommunications, the management of radio spectrum, and postal services will be designated for the purposes of Section 2A of the Communications Act 2003 on 27 April 2026.

Statement of Strategic Priorities for Telecommunications, the Management of Radio Spectrum, and Postal Services

On 11 February 2026, I laid the Draft Statement of Strategic Priorities for telecommunications, the management of radio spectrum, and postal services before Parliament. As I set out previously in letters prior to laying and at the beginning of the consultation period, under Section 2A of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Act'), the draft statement was subject to a 40-day objection period before Parliament. Following this period, the Secretary of State may designate the statement, unless either House resolved not to approve the draft within that period. The praying time for the draft statement ended on 17 April.

Under section 2B of the Act, Ofcom will be required to have regard to the statement, once designated, when exercising its functions and must set out, within 40 days of designation, what actions it plans to take in consequence of the statement. Ofcom will then need to subsequently report annually on what it has done each year in consequence of the statement.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Chairs of the House of Commons' Business and Trade Committee and the House of Lords' Communications and Digital Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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