

# International Development Committee

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From Sarah Champion MP, Chair

Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP  
Secretary of State  
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
*By email*

11 March 2021

## **Changes to the UK aid budget**

Dear Dominic,

Thank you for your letter of 10 February, in which you provided further information relating to questions from your appearance before the Committee in January.

In your letter, you stated that the FCDO was in the process of undertaking a business planning exercise. As a few weeks have now elapsed since you appeared before the Committee, and the publication of the Integrated Review is now imminent, I hope you may now be in a better position to provide me with further information on the points below:

### FCDO business planning exercise

- What is the timescale for the business planning exercise? Has the exercise concluded?
- How and when will the results of the exercise be communicated a) to UK Missions across the world; and b) to organisations implementing UK aid programmes?
- Will the results of the business planning exercise, including breakdowns of country allocations, be published on the FCDO website?
- Are the results of the business planning exercise contingent on the conclusions of the Integrated Review?

### Legal obligations for UK ODA spending

- Your letter set out the obligations for ODA spending approved via eight statutory instruments. Please can you provide the estimated spend for these instruments for:
  - a) the total amount in GBP covered by each instrument
  - b) the breakdown by financial year of each instrument
  - c) the breakdown by calendar year of each instrument

### Consultation on changes to the aid budget

- In February, Minister Cleverly told the Braintree branch of the WI that there were no plans to consult with the development sector about changes to the aid budget. Is this still the Government's position and, if so, why?

- What conversations have Ministers had with Ministerial counterparts in the Global South, and specifically sub-Saharan Africa, in relation to changes to the UK aid budget?

Measuring departmental performance and impact

- In evidence to the Committee, you referred to a set of six-monthly and twelve-monthly departmental KPIs. Please can you provide details of these KPIs?

I would be grateful if I could receive your response by 29 March 2021. The Committee intends to publish your response.

Yours sincerely,

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**Sarah Champion MP**

**Chair of the Committee**