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Dear Lord Dunlop,

I am writing to you following the publication of your review into UK Government Union capability. The Committee would like to thank you again for attending our private session in February and are pleased to see that your review into UK Government Union capability has been finally published after a regrettable delay.

We considered the recommendations of your review with interest. Specifically, we noted your suggested reforms to government machinery, structural reforms to the civil service, reforms to UK-wide funding, intergovernmental relations, public appointments, and to communications. We took the opportunity to consider your review alongside the recently published progress update on intergovernmental relations and noted where versions of certain recommendations you made have been in part implemented, and certain areas where they have not.

The Committee would like to invite you to give oral evidence at a public session with the Committee as we are interested in hearing your views on the reforms set out in this progress update and your response to the letter sent to you by the Chancellor to the Duchy of Lancaster on 24 March.

We are also aware that you will be giving evidence on intergovernmental relations to PACAC and the Welsh, Scottish, and Northern Ireland Affairs Committees in the Commons on 20 May. As intergovernmental relations remain a crucial cross-cutting issue with Common Frameworks, we look forward to that session with great interest.

Yours sincerely,

Baroness Andrews  
Chair of the Common Frameworks Scrutiny Committee