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Dear Julia,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 May on the Public Procurement Framework, which was considered by the Common Frameworks Scrutiny Committee on 25 May.

We would appreciate additional clarification on the Liaison Group and the Concordat Working Group described in your letter. It was not clear from the Provisional Framework that these two separate groups existed, and it remains unclear how they differ. What is the difference in membership between these two groups? Is there a difference in seniority or policy role between members of each group? Do members of the Concordat Working Group attend the Liaison Group?

Your letter states that any amendments made to the Framework as a result of a review will be published. Will these be accompanied by an explanation of why the amendment is necessary? Will you publish any other updates on the functioning of the framework, for example, if any disputes have been escalated through the Framework to the MoU on devolution process?

We look forward to receiving your response within 10 working days.

Yours sincerely,

Baroness Andrews
Chair of the Common Frameworks Scrutiny Committee