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Dear Chair,

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Thank you for your letter of 3 November.

I place a great deal of importance on the scrutiny function of Select Committees and was glad to give evidence to your Committee on 19 July, as well as earlier in 2021. I have also just given evidence to the Justice and Home Affairs Committee in the Lords setting out my priorities to Parliament.

In further recognition of that commitment to scrutiny, Ministers in the Home Office are planning six departmental appearances in front of Select Committees between now and Christmas, including three upcoming HASC sessions. I believe it may be more appropriate for my next evidence session to take place in 2022. I am also mindful of the benefit to the Committee of having the next *Work of the Home Secretary* session firmly in the diary, and have asked my officials to liaise with yours on agreeing a date well in advance to aid preparations on both sides.

I hope you find the sessions with my Ministers useful and informative.

Yours sincerely,

With all your wishes
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Rt Hon Priti Patel MP