



Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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Dear Secretary of State --

Regulatory Reform

In September 2021, the Rt Hon Lord Frost, then Minister of State at the Cabinet Office, wrote to the Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan-Smith as the Chair of the Taskforce on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform to confirm a joint Cabinet Office-BEIS consultation on regulatory reform. This was, as I understand it, part of Lord Frost's Brexit Opportunities role in the Cabinet Office.

Following Lord Frost's resignation from the Government, please can you confirm whether this work is continuing and, if so, which Minister is responsible. You will know that the BEIS Select Committee has whole-of-government scrutiny powers for regulatory reform in addition to its departmental scrutiny responsibilities on behalf of Parliament.

Further, please can you confirm for the committee that your Department intends to support a pre-appointment hearing from the new Chair of the Regulatory Horizons Council, which I understand would take place in the late Spring of this year.

Given the Brexit related interest in the Government's work on regulatory reform, I am copying this letter to the Chairs of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, the Lords European Affairs Committee and to the Chairman of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, which scrutinises the work of the Cabinet Office.

Please can I have a response to this letter by 19th January.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee