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From The Chair

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Dear Sir John,

Thank you for your letter of 20 July, updating the Committee on the progress of your Inquiry. I would be grateful if you could confirm that when you write to the Prime Minister with a timetable for completion and delivery of your report, your intention is that your letter be placed in the public domain.

I note that in oral evidence to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 21 July, Sir Jeremy Heywood said that he had "repeatedly" offered you extra resources, such as extra legal resources, but that members of the inquiry had said that "they don't need them and they are doing it as fast as they can" (Q 266-7). That would suggest that extra resources won't improve the critical path to publication. Please confirm this is the case and that you are receiving all the assistance you require from HMG.

*Yours sincerely
Crispin Blunt*

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