



Committee of Public Accounts

House of Commons 14 Tothill Street London SW1H 9NB

Tel 020 7219 4099 Fax 020 7219 4099 Email pubaccom@parliament.uk Website www.parliament.uk/pac

Alan Middleton
Chief Executive Officer
PA Consulting Group
123 Buckingham Palace Road
London
SW1W 9SR

4 December 2017

Dear Mr Middleton

Recommendation in our report *UKTI and the contract with PA Consulting*

Following my Committee's evidence session last November, you will have seen that our report, published in April this year, contained the following recommendation:

PA Consulting Services Limited (PA) should provide the Government with formal assurance that its failure to give a full and accurate account of its costs and profits will not happen again because of control problems or for any other reason. That assurance should be applicable to all contracts it holds with government. In providing that assurance PA should satisfy itself that it has a sufficiently good system of internal control that will not allow individual members of staff to act contrary to company policy. Obtaining the required level of assurance may require PA to commission an independent review of its practice management and internal controls.

I would be grateful for a response by 18 December.

I am copying this letter to the Treasury Officer of Accounts and the Comptroller & Auditor General.

MEG HILLIER MP
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS