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Dr Clive,

Thank you for your letter of 21 July and our productive meeting the day before.

As I said when we met, I'd be delighted to appear before the Committee when the House returns in September, and my office is confirming a date with the Clerk of the Committee. When I was appointed, my team and I found it useful to set out our priorities going forward. Now, a year on and at the start of a new Parliament, I'd welcome the chance to do the same once again.

We discussed the time taken for my department to respond to the previous Committee's reports. I am committed to improving response times in this parliament. You asked for an update on responses to those reports that are outstanding. We expect to publish responses to your reports on Public Parks and Capacity in the Homebuilding Industry in September, with the responses on Supported Housing and Adult Social Care following shortly after.

The Government welcomed the Committee's interim report into Business Rates last year, which informed our consultation shortly afterwards. I was also pleased to attend your one-off inquiry into the Housing White Paper and Business Rates in April. I know the new Committee will be looking carefully at the subject of future inquiries and I'm happy to have further discussions on our way forward when we meet next.

I look forward to a productive and fruitful relationship with the new Committee over the coming Parliament, and hope you have had an enjoyable summer so far.

THE RT HON SAJID JAVID MP