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Meg Hillier MP  
Chair, Committee of Public Accounts  
By email

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*From Ms Hillier,*

Thank you very much for your letter of 2 July. Addressing each of your points in turn:

1. Our assertion that only *de minimis* information was redacted being contradicted by paragraphs 8 and 3.18: I recognise that a lot of text is redacted. However, the redacted content extends only to personal information, contract charges and supplier proposals, the last of which accounts for the majority of the redacted material. These are the *de minimis* redactions the Crown Commercial Service recommends, and this is what lay behind my comment in my letter to you of 24 June.
2. The NAO being unable to access certain contract extracts on contracts finder, such as the statement of requirements: this was the result of a technical issue, which we have now remedied; the statement of requirements will shortly be available in Word format for all Cabinet Office contracts.
3. The reason for updates to the Lot 3 contracts being published on Contracts Finder on 21 June: these updates account for the Statement of Requirements being published on each of the contracts.

I hope this adequately allays your concerns.

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