Further to my letter of 24 June 2019, I am pleased to enclose with this letter unredacted copies of the 10 remaining contracts recently reviewed by the NAO, as listed below:

a. Provision of EU Exit Consultancy Services by Price Waterhouse Coopers, awarded 1 December 2017;
b. Provision of EU Exit Consultancy Services by Boston Consulting Group, awarded 14 November 2017;
c. Boston Consulting Group Consultancy Support for X Gov Delivery Coordination of EU Exit, awarded 13 December 2017;
d. Provision of consultancy services by McKinsey & Company, Inc. as supplier to the Department for Exiting the EU, awarded 13 April 2017;
e. Case Management - Angular, Java and Documentum by Acuma, awarded 14 December 2018;
f. EU Exit Comms Settlement Scheme by Price Waterhouse Cooper, awarded 3 September 2018;
g. Digital Enrolment of a Facial Biometric and Remote Authentication by Worldreach, awarded 30 October 2017;
h. EU Exit - PEGA Caseworking Support - PROC 359 by Accenture, awarded 1 November 2018;
i. EU Exit Settlement Caseworking by Accenture, awarded 6 January 2018;

j. EU Border Readiness Checks by SSG, awarded 20 March 2019.

I would be most grateful if these documents would be handled in line with the terms set out in your letter dated 18 June.

In reference to Contract A, the award date listed on contracts finder does not align with the actual award date as listed in the contract. Whilst this information was correct and checked with the signed contracts, in auditing Contracts Finder, Defra Group Commercial became aware of the inaccuracy in the contract dates of the PwC Contract in question. This is regrettable and as a result, Defra is in the process of reviewing all its data on Contracts Finder to ensure this is fully aligned with our internal systems and implementing, if applicable, changes to the Contracts Finder publication process in order to ensure the accuracy of all future contracts.

I am committed to driving up compliance and improving data quality. Reports by the Institute for Government (IFG) and the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) on user compliance and data quality recognise the measures we have taken to improve compliance, including the Government Commercial Function’s engagement with departments to identify gaps and addressing these.

Since June 2018, we have conducted compliance work on the publication of notices to TED and Contracts Finder. This has contributed to an increase of over 19% in Award Notice publication to Contracts Finder in the period 1 June 2018 to 31 January 2019. However, I recognise that there is more work to be done in these areas and this will remain a key area of focus.

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