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Dear Permanent Secretary,

RE: Follow up on Brexit consultancy contracts

Thank you for your letter of 24 June on redactions to Brexit consultancy contracts. We were puzzled by the statement that only de minimis information was redacted. It appears to contradict statements in the NAO report you agreed to, paras 8 and 3.18 refer.

We understand from the NAO that the information on www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk still does not include, for example, the statement of requirements?

This observation applies to some of the Cabinet Office contracts (Lots 1 and 2 – the links on the website still do not operate). We also understand that some of the pages related to the Cabinet Office contracts (Lot 3) were updated on 21 June, after our evidence session and before your letter. We would be grateful for your further consideration and comment, as a matter of urgency, as the Committee wishes to finalise its report as soon as possible.

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