Dear Chair

Seventy-Eight Report of Session 2017-19: Improving government planning and spending (Cabinet Office and HM Treasury)

In the above report, the Committee made two recommendations (numbers 1 and 6) where it asked the Government to write by the end of June 2019 explaining how they will be taken forward.

I am pleased to confirm that the Government agrees with those recommendations and am attaching the Treasury Minute which confirms this and provides an explanation of how they will be taken forward. The Minute will be formally published alongside the Government's responses to the Committee's 79th to 85th reports on 16th May.

We will of course continue to update the Committee on the progress of planning and performance, SDPs and the Spending Review in our future notes and coming engagements, including providing the further details requested in the remaining recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

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