Dear Chair,

**Public Accounts Committee Report on Cyber Security in the UK – July 2019**

I am writing to express my thanks to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for the recent report on Cyber Security in the UK and to acknowledge our intention to respond by the November deadline in the report.

The PAC report recognises the complex and evolving cyber security threat facing the UK and the progress made since the 2016-21 National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS) was published. This includes consolidating our position as a world-leading authority on cyber security, launching the National Cyber Security Centre, and strengthening international partnerships to call out malign state activity in cyberspace.

The report also recognises that there is still work to do over the last two years of the programme to ensure we maintain our momentum.

Ahead of the Government’s response, the Committee might be interested to read the attached progress report for the NCSS. This provides details of how the Strategy has driven transformational change across government and society and sets out our plans for the final two years of the strategy and beyond 2021.

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