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Dear Lord Adonis

I would like to thank you, Sir John Armit and Phil Graham for an informative evidence session on the work of the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) on 7 November. Now that the Commission is an Executive Agency of HM Treasury, the Committee will scrutinise it regularly.

During the session, the independence of the NIC – and its lack of statutory footing – was discussed. Your answers reassured the Committee that there is no cause for concern and that you are able to carry out your functions without pressure from Government. But this is an issue in which the Committee takes a particular interest and in the future scrutiny of both HM Treasury and the NIC, it will seek reassurances that your Commission can continue to provide long-term stability to infrastructure strategy in the UK.

A number of policy areas were discussed during the session, and the Committee questioned you on whether the NIC would be including specific areas within your future work programme. I should be grateful if you could report back to the Committee, following discussion with HM Treasury if necessary, on whether you will be taking these forward.

As you know, the Committee also takes an active interest in gender diversity practices in the bodies that it scrutinises. During the evidence session, Phil Graham agreed to provide information to the Committee on the gender pay gap at the NIC. I should be grateful if you could provide this as soon as is practicable.

The Committee looks forward to hearing from you again once you have published your National Infrastructure Assessment next year.

*with best wishes
Yours
Nicky*

The Rt Hon. Nicky Morgan MP
Chair of the Treasury Committee