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Dear Nicky,

Thank you for your letter of 20 June regarding the Treasury's disclosure of information to the independent review into the prudential regulation of the Co-operative Bank, specifically the wording around Treasury documents and legal privilege contained in paragraph 23 of the Protocol for the conduct of this review.

The wording on legal privilege contained in the published Protocol was drawn up at an early stage in the review process and was not drafted with a view to avoiding our commitment to be open with the independent reviewer, Mark Zelmer. I can confirm that no legally privileged information has been withheld from the independent reviewer in the documents already shared with him.

You will recall from our previous correspondence on this issue that, although mindful of our legal obligations, we are committed to providing the independent reviewer with the information he requires for this review. We are happy to amend the wording on legal privilege in the Protocol to reflect this commitment and have asked the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) to update the document in line with this.

I am copying this letter to Mark Zelmer and to Dr Norval Bryson, the PRA's Senior Responsible Officer for the review.

with very best regards

John

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