Rt Hon Frank Field MP & Rachel Reeves MP
The Chairs, Work and Pensions Select Committee & BEIS Select Committee
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Dear Frank and Rachel,

Thank you for your letter of 15 March regarding the oral evidence session your committees are holding on 21 March with PwC in relation to their role as Special Managers of the Carillion liquidation process and as advisors to the Government prior to the collapse of Carillion.

I can confirm, that in order for you to conclude your inquiry and to ensure that there are no unnecessary delays, I am prepared to waive any rights HMG has under client confidentiality obligations which PwC are bound by under their contract to provide consultancy support to the Cabinet Office, for the purpose of the evidence sessions which are due to take place on 21st March.

This consent waiver does not cover PWC’s role as Special Managers, as the Cabinet Office does not have the power to do so given PWC were appointed as Special Managers by the Official Receiver on behalf of the Insolvency Service.

I would be grateful if the Chairs would consider moving into a private session should they have specific questions to which direct answers by the witnesses would be likely to prejudice ongoing investigations by the Insolvency Service or others; or which a witness would be unwilling to answer in a public session for similar reasons.

RT HON DAVID LIDINGTON CBE MP