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*Dear Chair*

I understand that the Committee is concerned about the status of information relating to the BIS 2020 process and its implications.

I can confirm that our approach to the BIS 2020 programme as discussed with the Public Accounts Committee last month and the Business Select Committee by myself and the Secretary of State in February continues to be in place.

I also wish to confirm that, as I said to the Committee, no specific decisions about the future of BIS jobs in Sheffield or other sites have yet been taken, nor will any be taken until the end of the formal consultation process currently underway. There can therefore be no accurate figures about the future distribution of posts within the department at this stage since relevant decisions have yet to be made. As a result, it is not possible to provide figures on the savings over time, which depends on restructuring decisions about the longer term shape of the department and its partner bodies.

I am copying this letter to Iain Wright, Chair of the BIS Select Committee.

*Yours ever*

*Martin Donnelly*

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