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Dear Chair

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Public Accounts Committee – Rebranding the Department of Health

Thank you for your letter dated 7 March, regarding the cost to the department of rebranding the Department of Health as the Department of Health and Social Care. We have sought to keep the cost of changing the name 'Department of Health' to 'Department of Health and Social Care' and the 'Secretary of State for Health' to the 'Secretary of State for Health and Social Care' to an absolute minimum.

We have done this by only changing stationery, such as business cards and headed paper, when stock is used up or things were due to be replaced as a part of normal business. Also, amends to our GOV.UK web pages and our intranet have mainly been made in-house. We originally estimated that no more than £1,000 would be spent on updating templates, such as PowerPoint, website and report templates; to date we have spent £313.

There was no cost associated with changing the signage in the Department of Health and Social Care's London headquarters as all signing is digital. Our Leeds headquarters does have physical signage but this will only be changed later this year, as part of a planned refurbishment of the building.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wormald

**SIR CHRIS WORMALD
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