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Dear Minister,

Today the Committee will be announcing a new inquiry into the Government's Strategic Suppliers. The inquiry will consider the Government's relationship with its Strategic Suppliers and their performance in delivering Government contracts. The material in the Strategic Supplier risk assessments, provided to the Committee following the Resolution of the House of 24 January 2018, are clearly relevant to this work and I am therefore writing to propose appropriate variations to the arrangements agreed between us in my letter of 12 February.

The original documents continue to be locked away, only available to Members in a secure reading room, and not copied or photographed. I propose that members of the Committee will now be able to make notes while viewing the material and that the briefing material prepared for the Committee may include references to information contained in the documents, with the caveat that that information does not include material judged to be commercially sensitive and unavailable in the public domain.

In considering these variations to the previous arrangements it may be helpful to note that no information in the papers has leaked from the Committee and be assured that Members are acutely aware of the sensitivities around this material.

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