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Dame Meg Hillier MP
Chair, Public Accounts Committee
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Dear Chair,

As we approach the end of the year, we thought it would be useful to update you on Outcome Delivery Plans. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster has written in similar terms to the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee. All departments produced a draft Outcome Delivery Plan for 2022/23. The announcement of Civil Service 2025 in May meant that the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury Ministers agreed to pause the publication of Outcome Delivery Plans to ensure that they could reflect any workforce changes. Since then, the Chancellor of the Exchequer delivered the Autumn Statement and these changes need to be reflected in plans. The Government has agreed that we will not require departments to publish Outcome Delivery Plans for 2022/23 but to concentrate on the production of Outcome Delivery Plans for 2023/24.

We also conducted a review of ODPs and the 2022/23 process across government. The review found strong support for ODPs and outcomes focused delivery as well as showing these could be improved through simpler and shorter documents.

Departments will report their delivery against the Priority Outcomes agreed in SR21 settlements, published in October 2021 on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk), in their 2022/23 Annual Report and Accounts – which will be published in 2023.

We are copying this letter to the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Treasury Officer of Accounts.

Yours sincerely,

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