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Via email.

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Dear Dame Meg,

In your capacity as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, I am writing to you to announce that the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury have today launched the Public Sector Fraud Authority (PSFA). This follows the announcement of its creation in the Spring Statement of March 2022.

The PSFA will place a greater focus on counter fraud performance and outcomes, as well as building deeper and broader expert-led services to support and collaborate closely with government departments and public bodies to reduce the impact of fraud together.

It will also act as the centre of the Government's Counter Fraud Function and will be made up of counter fraud and data analytics experts who will use best-in-class data tools and advanced analytics, to help departments and public bodies protect public money. It will modernise the government's counter fraud response, testing departments' fraud defences and helping the public sector put stronger safeguards in place.

It will do this by:

- Agreeing ambitious counter fraud plans for departments and public bodies to review progress against;
- Providing expert support to departments and public bodies on the fraud risks and threats they face, and then helping to design defences against them and test their effectiveness;
- Building a new National Counter Fraud Data Analytics Service that will provide advanced data capabilities to surface, fight and prevent fraud against taxpayers, and;
- Enhancing the use of fraud intelligence across the public sector to combat specific threats.



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The PSFA is part of wider government spending of over £750 million to combat fraud. It will build on and replace the existing Centre of the Counter Fraud Function.

We look forward to your continued support in our effort to counter fraud against the public sector.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jacob Rees-Mogg".