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Dear Meg,

**Accounting Officer Assessments – Publication of summaries**

I am writing to provide you with assurance on DfE's actions following the DAO letter issued on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

We currently carry out robust assessment of GMPP projects (including Accounting Officer tests) at various stages, including through our Investment Committee, to ensure delivery meets the standards expected by Parliament.

We committed, in response to the DAO, to publish Accounting Officer summaries for the 10 programmes we have on the Government's Major Project Portfolio.

At time of writing, we have published 7 of the 10 summary assessments. The final 3 are at an advanced stage and I expect publication by the end of October 2022. This is slightly beyond the original ambition to publish all summaries by the end of September, which reflects resource constraints within some relevant teams.

The delay does not indicate underlying concerns about the projects, which are rigorously tested internally.

We have also updated our processes to incorporate steps that ensures ongoing compliance for future programmes that sit within GMPP.

Yours sincerely,

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