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Dame Meg Hillier MP Chair, Public Accounts Committee

Dame Diana Johnson MP Chair, Home Affairs Select Committee

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Dear Dame Meg and Dame Diana,

Extension to the Pilot to measure the impact of electronic monitoring on selected cohorts of individuals who make illegal and dangerous journeys to the UK

My predecessor (Simon Baynes) notified you on 4 August 2022 (Annex A) that a pilot would be established for twelve months to determine, whether Electronic Monitoring is an effective way to improve and maintain regular contact management with asylum claimants who arrive in the UK via illegal and dangerous routes, in order to progress their case.

I am writing to notify you of an extension of this pilot for a further six months. We are extending in order to ensure we have sufficiently robust data to evaluate the pilot. We have considered the assessment against the four Accounting Officer standards of regularity, propriety, value for money and feasibility and the Pilot meets the standards of regularity and feasibility set out in Managing Public Money. Financial cover for the pilot is in place.

The indemnity that was agreed with the supplied (Capita) has been extended for a further six months and the Treasury has approved the proposal and has advised us to notify the chairs of PAC and HASC. If the liability is called, provision for any payment will be sought through the normal Supply procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP Minister of State for Immigration

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