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Dame Meg Hillier MP
Chair of Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Dame Meg

Common Platform

I recently wrote to you on 17 March 2023 about delivering the final phase of the HMCTS Reform Programme, and spoke to you in person about the same at the Public Accounts Committee session on 30 March 2023. I wanted to write to correct a detail I gave to the Committee at the hearing relating to the next phase of the Common Platform criminal case management system.

At the hearing, I stated that our revised plan ensures that the roll out of Common Platform, including all core functionality, will be completed by March 2024. While it is correct that all core functionality will be delivered by this date, there will be two further releases that significantly impact Crown court processes and ways of working that will not be fully rolled out until March 2025. This will allow us to complete the rigorous testing we need with our justice partners before we commence a measured roll out of these processes, to ensure we protect recovery within the Crown courts.

Common Platform remains fundamental to modernising the criminal court system and will bring justice partners together in a way that has never been done before.

I hope this clarifies the matter for you and other members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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