



## Public Accounts Committee

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**Department for Education – Contingent Liability Fund for the  
Curriculum Arm's Length Body**

Dear Minister of State,

Your predecessor forwarded a copy of the [Departmental Minute](#), dated 5 July 2022, notifying me of the contingent liability in relation to the creation of a new curriculum arm's length body.

The Department assesses that the time limit of the contingent liability would be 6 years. However, the contingent liability agreed with the Reach Foundation is not time-bound. I would appreciate it if you could confirm whether the Department expects this to give rise to any additional commitments.

I also noted that the notification of the contingent liability did not allow Parliament the full 14 parliamentary sitting days to review the proposal. Please ensure that future submissions are made on a more timely basis to permit sufficient parliamentary scrutiny.

Yours sincerely

Dame Meg Hillier MP  
Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts