



## Public Accounts Committee

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### Agenda for Change non consolidated pay Ministerial Direction

Dear Permanent Secretary,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 May 2023 providing me with an update on the Ministerial Direction on Agenda for Change pay award settlement which was made prior to the end of the financial year, which you estimated to be £2,675m at that point.

You have explained that this additional expenditure will cause a breach of the Department's RDEL control totals in 2022-23 and will consequently be deemed irregular which I know the C&AG will review as part of the 2022-23 audit.

I acknowledge that you have also informed the Health and Social Care Select Committee, the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Treasury Officer of Accounts. Could I also please clarify whether HM Treasury approval of this breach has been obtained?

I request that you respond to this letter by 8 June 2023.

Yours sincerely

Dame Meg Hillier MP  
Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts