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Dear Tom,

#### **NPF4**

The Committee would very much welcome an indication from you as to when we can expect the final version of NPF4 to be laid in the Parliament.

During the Committee's debate on NPF4 you indicated that you would be taking some time to reflect on the submissions to the consultation before laying a final version. It would be very helpful, however, to have a clear idea as to when we might expect to have to consider that final version.

You also indicated that Parliament would be afforded sufficient time to properly scrutinise the final version of NPF4. It would again be helpful to have an indication of how long we can expect to have for consideration of NPF4.

Finally, one of the Committee's key conclusions concerned the importance of the ongoing evaluation and monitoring of the effectiveness of NPF4. Members would be keen to know what progress has been made in developing indicators to measure the effectiveness of NPF4.

I look forward to hearing from you and would be grateful for a response by **20 June 2022**.

Yours sincerely

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