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I am writing to confirm the SSRB's remit in relation to the Senior Civil Service (SCS) during the upcoming pay round for 2023/24 and ask that the SSRB conducts its usual annual review process and makes recommendations to the Government on the pay of the SCS remit group from April 2023.

Thank you for your work on the 2022/23 pay round. The Government values the SSRB's important role in providing independent and evidence-based recommendations. I am grateful to you and your colleagues for this invaluable work.

This year the Government evidence, which will be submitted in due course, will set out our strategic priorities for the SCS, including in relation to pay.

Times remain challenging. Pay awards must strike a careful balance – recognising the vital importance of public sector workers, whilst delivering value for the taxpayer, considering private sector pay levels, not increasing the country's debt further, and being careful not to drive prices even higher in the future. In the current economic context, it is particularly important that you also have regard to the Government's inflation target when forming recommendations.

As confirmed in recent years' Government evidence to the SSRB, employees of the Government Commercial Organisation who are members of the SCS or are SCS equivalents fall within the remit of the SSRB, and information about this group as well as proposals on their remuneration, subject to the recommendations of the GCO RemCo, will be shared with the SSRB this year. Any specific proposals for the Permanent Secretary group will also be shared with the SSRB.

I very much value the independent advice of the SSRB and look forward to receiving your recommendations for the SCS by May 2023. In the meantime, my officials will be working closely with the SSRB and officials within the Office for Manpower Economics to inform your discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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