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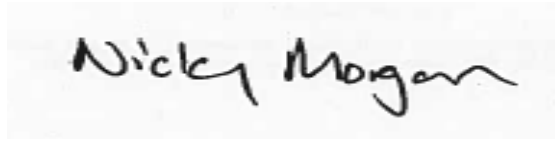
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I wanted to say how much I am looking forward to joining the programme of talks meeting on Tuesday 16 September. I would like to continue the talks in the format that has already been agreed. I know that previous discussions have been helpful in identifying some concrete ways in which we can implement policy better and believe there is a great deal more we can usefully discuss.

One issue I particularly want to focus on with you is what more might be done to address the unnecessary workload sometimes experienced by teachers. I have been struck by the national and international evidence around this issue, which I know has already been reviewed in the talks with you, but also by what I have heard from individual teachers about the tasks they are sometimes asked to take on. Teachers join the profession to teach and we have a common interest in reducing – where we can – unnecessary work that takes teachers' time away from teaching.

I know there will be other areas which you will be keen to put forward for discussion in the programme of talks.

I look forward to hearing your views and to further constructive engagement with you in the term ahead.

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