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Dear Lord Bew

Thank you for your letter of 9 May enclosing a copy of your Committee's eighteenth report on the *Continuing Importance of Ethical Standards for Public Service Providers*.

I would like to thank you and the Committee for the work which has gone into this report and for the consideration you have given to the issues it raises; not least, the need for Government and commissioning departments to refocus on embedding a culture of ethical standards in service delivery in light of the recommendations made in your first report into this matter in 2014.

The Government will be giving full and thorough consideration to the recommendations and will issue a response to the report in due course.

**CHLOE SMITH MP**