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Dear Adam,

I am writing to thank you for leading the Review of Research Bureaucracy. Your final report provides a comprehensive analysis of how and where unnecessary bureaucracy has grown across the research system. It delivers on the original ambition and the terms of reference for the Review.

The Government is committed to addressing the issues set out in your report. Unnecessary bureaucracy constrains research and runs counter to the Government's objective of making the UK a global science superpower.

I welcome the findings in the report and note the work already underway in a number of organisations to simplify and streamline their processes. I recognise that there is much for government departments to consider, particularly the need for greater collaboration and harmonisation of approach. There are important synergies with other government policies in enabling our researchers to achieve their potential, such as the implementation of the People and Culture Strategy. It will be important that the Government considers your recommendations alongside those in Sir David Grant's Review of UKRI and Sir Paul Nurse's Review of the R&D Landscape.

I was struck by your comment describing the growth of bureaucracy as an accumulation of everyone's good ideas. This goes to the heart of the issue and demonstrates that it will need a collective effort to bring the change needed – this is not just about the actions of government, responsibility for driving change will fall across the sector. We all have a part to play in keeping unnecessary bureaucracy in check in the future.

A detailed Government response to the specific recommendations in your report will follow later in the year.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to all those who contributed to the Review. I very much hope this broad engagement will continue as we move to the next phase of this important work.

Yours sincerely,

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