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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, dated 23 May, where you referred to a letter from the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care asking whether the Agency was getting value for money from its diversity and inclusion memberships, and if not, to consider any steps that it could take to address that and noted this letter also asked the Agency to follow the Department of Health and Social Care's example and allow any associations/subscriptions that it has to lapse or be cancelled". You requested a copy of the Agency's response to this letter. In addition, you asked whether the Agency has any diversity and inclusion memberships that it has allowed to "lapse or be cancelled", and that this can include before or after the Secretary of State's letter and if so to disclose information about these memberships.

I am pleased to provide you with the information requested:

- A copy of the letter sent to Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, (as an attachment in this email)
- I can confirm that the Agency does not have any external diversity and inclusion memberships that it has allowed to lapse or be cancelled.

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Yours sincerely,

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