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Dear Lord Currie and Paul,

Thank you for your letters of 13 January and 11 September to the former Secretary of State for Business and Trade, my predecessor and I about the regulation of actuaries. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The Treasury recognises that actuarial work is essential to vital parts of the UK economy, namely in the insurance and pensions sectors, and that its independent regulation remains necessary and important. However, after careful consideration, HM Treasury does not intend to proceed with reforms to move the regulation of the actuarial profession to a statutory basis at this time.

The Treasury instead intends for the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) and any successor body to continue to be the home of independent actuarial regulation, on a voluntary contractual basis. In particular, it is our intent that the FRC will continue to perform the following functions:

- Setting technical actuarial standards and guidance: The FRC will set technical actuarial standards that apply to all IFoA members and will determine and publish the scope of application. Ethical standards will continue to be set by the IFoA.
- Independent oversight of the IFoA: FRC will oversee the IFoA's regulation of its members through supervision of IFoA as UK's actuarial professional body.
  Providing an independent investigation and discipline regime for public interest disciplinary cases: Continuing the existing division of responsibilities between the FRC and IFoA, the FRC will provide an independent investigation and discipline scheme for matters of potential misconduct relating to members of the IFoA which raise, or appear to raise, important issues affecting the public interest.

The Treasury recognises that high quality actuarial work, overseen by the FRC and any successor body, will continue to support a well-functioning insurance and pensions market and public trust in these sectors. I have asked the FRC to implement the above arrangement with you, recognising that this may require the current MoU to be revised.

The IFoA has an important role to play in ensuring that the approach outlined above continues to deliver high standards in actuarial work that help support many of our vital industries. I would be very grateful for your continued cooperation and support.

The Treasury intends to continue to work with the FRC and any successor body to keep the arrangements for actuarial regulation under review.

Yours sincerely,



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