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NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES: A GUIDE FOR DEPARTMENTS

You wrote to me on 25 March with a draft guide to departments on non-departmental public bodies.

I saw the subsequent correspondence between the Prime Minister's Office and yours on revisions to the text. I have now seen the latest version of the guide circulated under cover of your minute to the Prime Minister dated 21 June.

My officials have assisted throughout the preparation of the Guide and in the recent revision, and I am satisfied that in almost all matters of Treasury concern it reflects our interests. The only section which may yet require some amendment is paragraphs 85-89 which deal with audit arrangements for non-departmental public bodies. This passage cannot be settled until the White Paper on the C & AG is finalised. I understand that my officials are in touch with yours about this.

I also agree that the latest draft represents an improvement and I support publication.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

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