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Dear Mark,

IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFICIENCY SCRUTINIES

You wrote to Private Secretaries on 17 May regarding the Prime Minister's endorsement of the Efficiency Unit's study on the implementation of scrutinies.

My Secretary of State has asked me to say that he has looked at the state of play on all the scrutinies which have been conducted in this Department. He has found that of ten completed scrutinies, action is outstanding on only three; some of these scrutinies pre-date 1982 and in each case only one or two recommendations remain to be implemented. The Secretary of State thinks it is noteworthy that in these cases further progress hinges not on the Department but on the actions of other agencies or on the need to find time for amending legislation. These factors need to be borne in mind when looking at the speed of implementation.

The Secretary of State agrees with the recommendations made in the Efficiency Unit's report. He will be putting these into operation in this Department as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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