

## Appendix 7



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Dear Alex

**DSD Special Adviser – Fact-finding Exercise**

Thank you for your letter of 8 September regarding the outcome of the report on this exercise.

I have taken legal advice in relation to how the matter should be taken forward. On this basis it is clear that it is a matter that I can and should deal with personally.

I have very carefully considered the report and every aspect of this matter and I have concluded that no further action needs to be taken.

Accordingly I take this opportunity to inform the Committee of the outcome of my consideration of the report.

I am aware that the Committee has asked the department for a copy of the report. In accordance with long established principle it would not be appropriate to disclose this report and so I cannot release it to the Committee.

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