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Rt Hon David Gauke MP
Chief Secretary to the Treasury

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Dear David,

HER MAJESTY'S PRISON AND PROBATION SERVICE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

I announced in February, as part of my reforms to make prisons safe and reduce reoffending, my intention to create Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) on 1 April 2017. HMPPS will be the Executive Agency responsible for prisons and probation and will have a renewed focus on improving the operational delivery of these vital services.

To reflect the renewed focus, the move of responsibility for commissioning and all policy development to the department, and the changes we are making across the department to roll out a functional management model we have revised the Agency's Framework Document. The Framework Document sets out the accountabilities of the Agency and the relationship between the Agency and the Department. The revised Framework Document continues to follow the structure of the previous Document and aligns with the guidance about Framework Documents set out in "Managing public money".

In line with the arrangements for agreeing the previous Framework Document I am writing to seek your approval to this Document. Any future significant changes to or departures from the Document will also only be made in consultation with Her Majesty's Treasury. We are formally launching Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service on 3 April (as 1 April is a Saturday). It is my intention, following your approval, to place a copy of the Framework Document in the library of both Houses and on the department's website on this day.

Best wishes,

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