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Dear Deposited Papers Clerk

**HOME OFFICE SOVEREIGN BORDERS PROGRAMME: SUMMARY ACCOUNTING OFFICER ASSESSMENT**

It is normal practice for Accounting Officers to scrutinise significant policy proposals or plans to start or vary major projects, and then assess whether they measure up to the standards set out in Managing Public Money.

From April 2017, the Government has committed to make a summary of the key points from these assessments available to Parliament when an Accounting Officer has conducted an assessment of a project or programme within the Government's Major Projects Portfolio (GMPP).

The Accounting Officer for the Home Office has considered and approved this summary assessment of the Sovereign Borders Programme in respect of the implementation of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 reforms - and confirm that it conforms to the four Accounting Officer standards of regularity, propriety, value for money and feasibility. As ever, it will need to be kept under review.

I enclose a copy of the summary of the Sovereign Borders Programme Accounting Officer assessment and would be grateful if you could arrange for this to be in placed in the Libraries of both Houses, along with a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

**Lord Sharpe of Epsom**